



# IGUANA GIRL



"OLD SORCERESS, I HAVE  
FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN  
PRINCE. PLEASE. MAKE ME A  
HUMAN GIRL."

THE IGUANA PRINCESS ASKED  
THE SORCERESS:



"SO BE IT," SAID THE SORCERESS.  
"I SHALL MAKE YOU A HUMAN GIRL.  
BUT IN RETURN..."





**GYAA**

**GYAA**

**PHEW**

**GYAA**

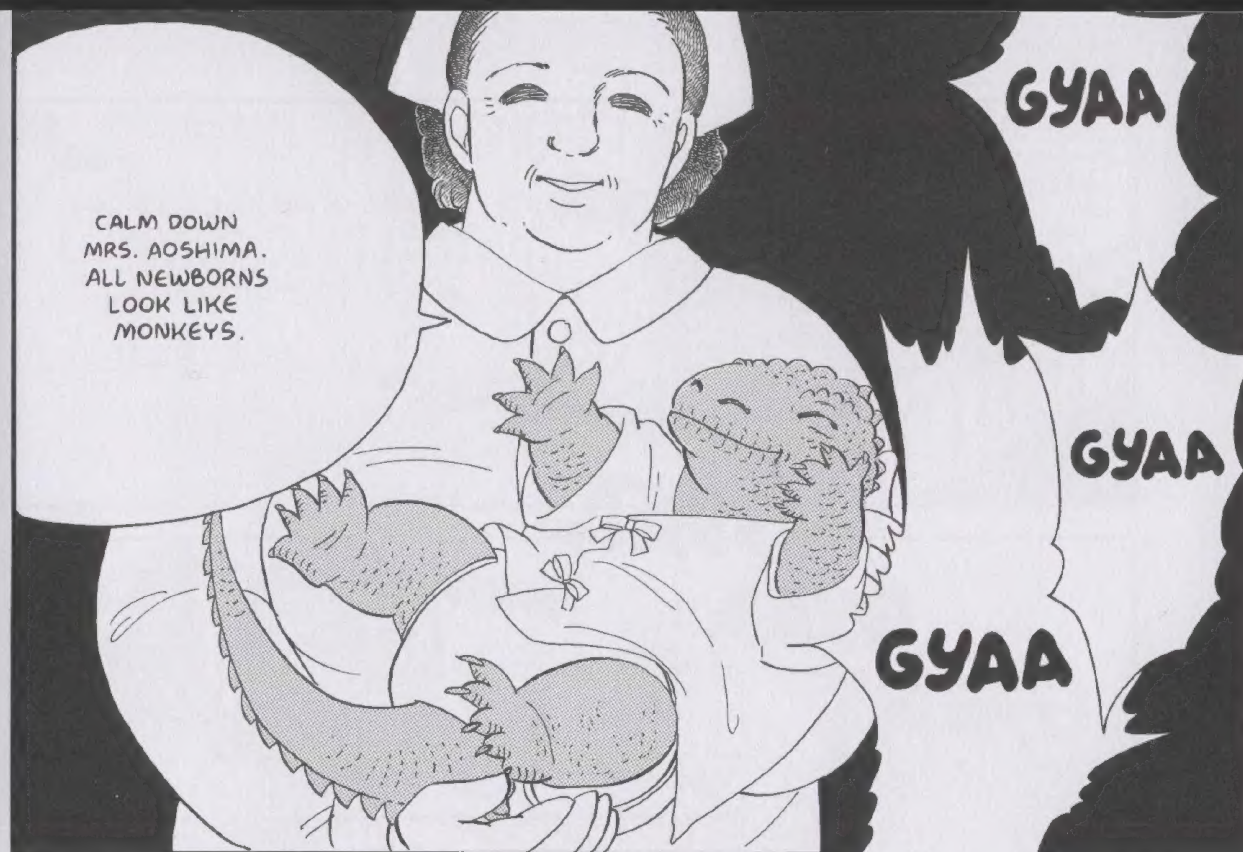


LOOK!  
HERE'S  
YOUR  
MOMMY!



**KYAH-H-H-H**





CALM DOWN  
MRS. AOSHIMA.  
ALL NEWBORNS  
LOOK LIKE  
MONKEYS.

GYAA

GYAA

GYAA



YOU'LL THINK  
SHE'S CUTE  
ENOUGH  
AFTER YOU'VE  
NURSED HER  
A BIT.

NO! IT CAN'T BE!  
IT'S SO...SO...



IT IS UNUSUAL  
FOR A BABY TO BE BORN  
WITH HER TWO FRONT  
TEETH LIKE THIS.

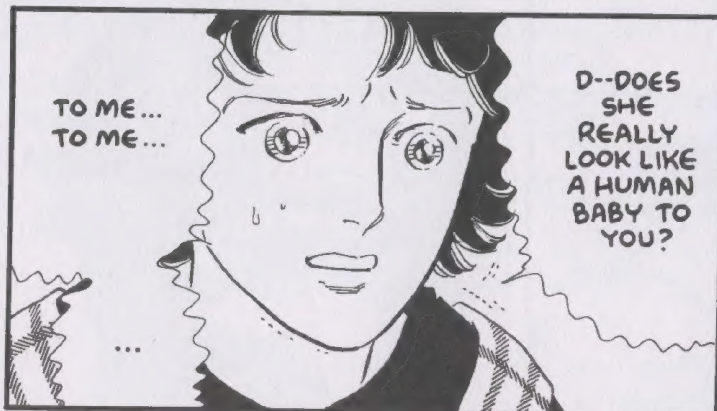
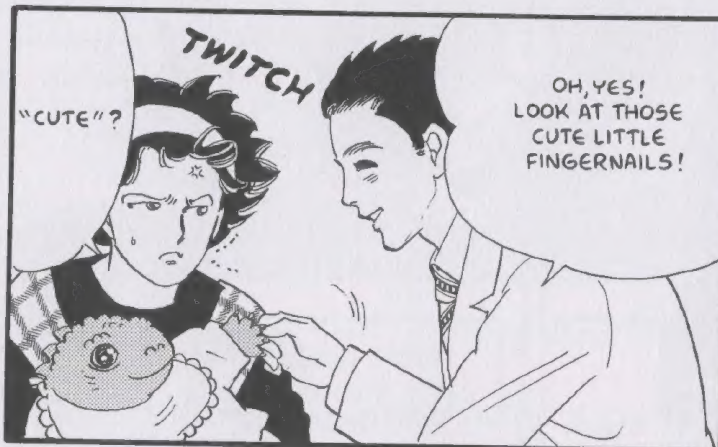
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IT HAS  
FANGS!



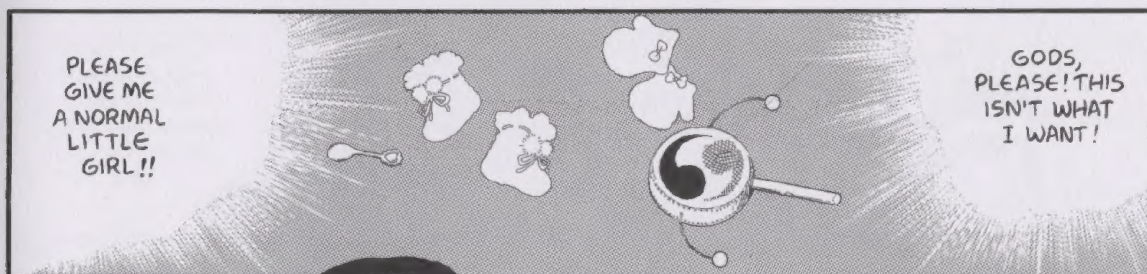
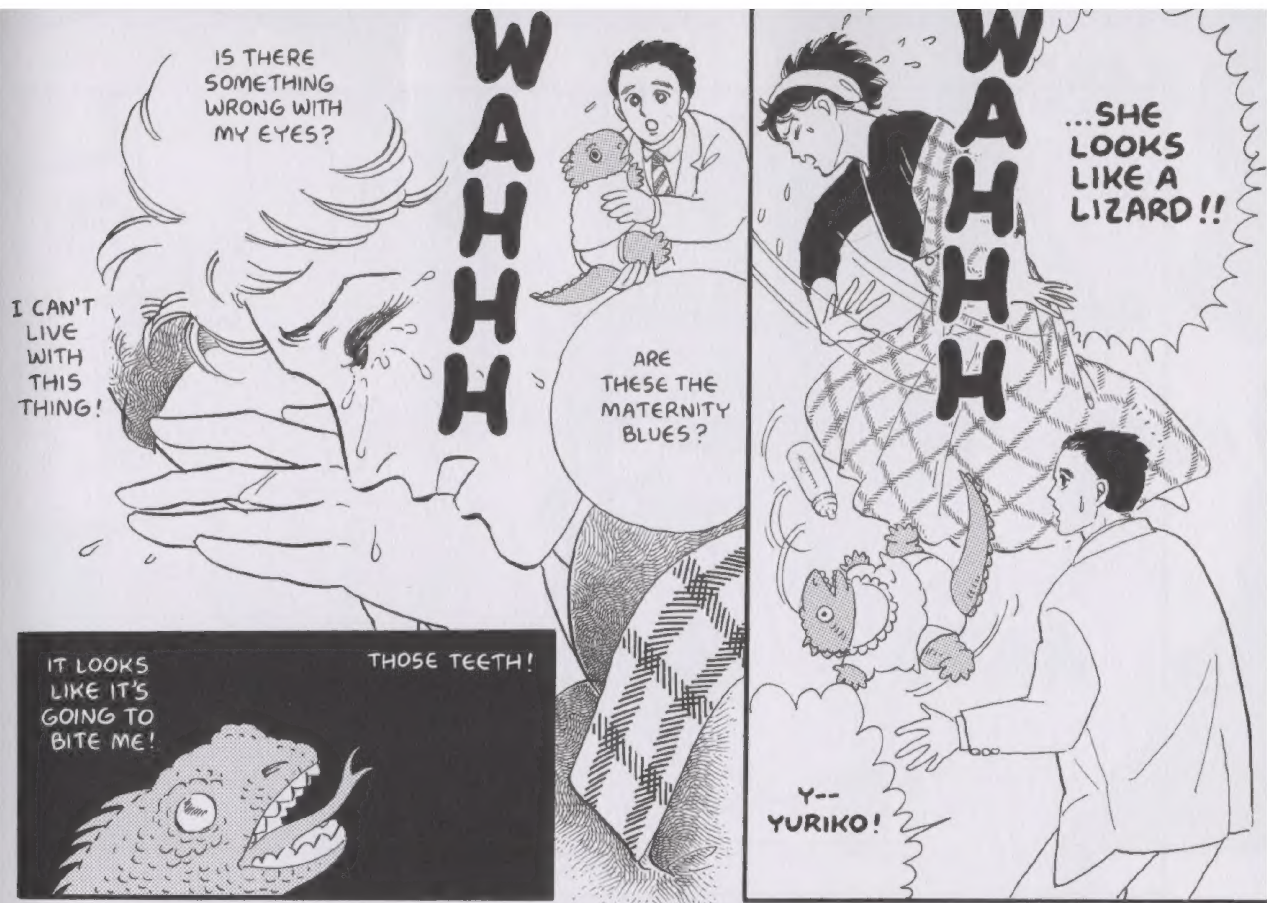
MRS. AOSHIMA, I'M  
TELLING YOU, ALL  
BABIES LOOK LIKE  
THIS AT FIRST.

IT'S A  
LIZARD!

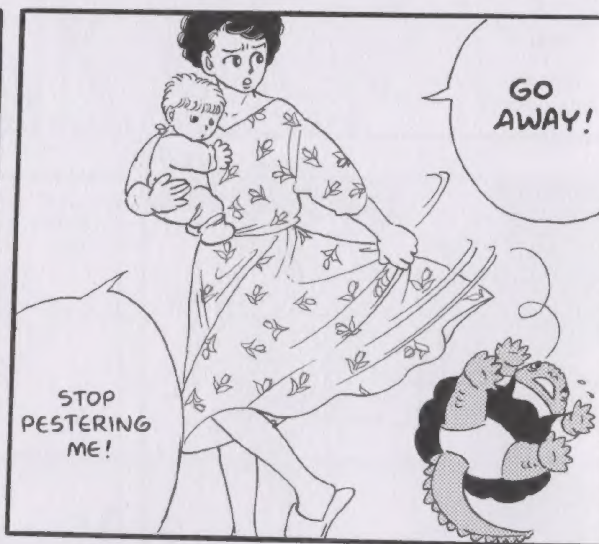
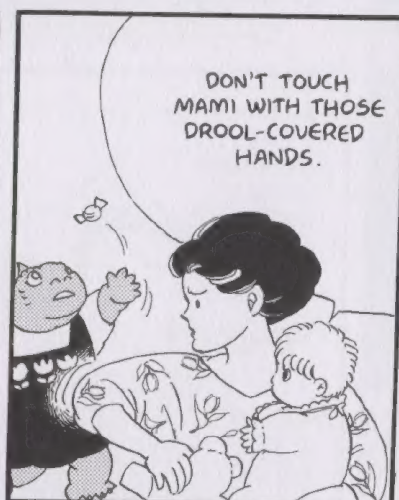
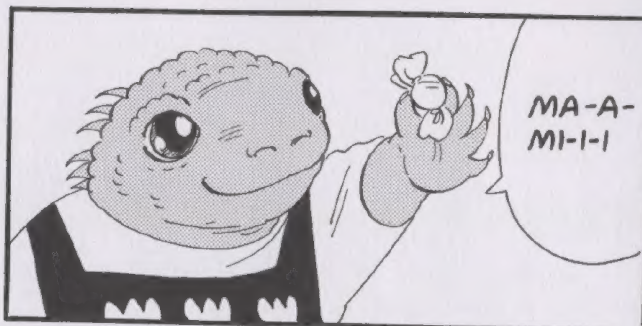




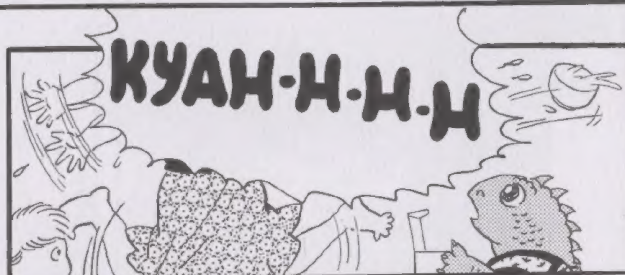
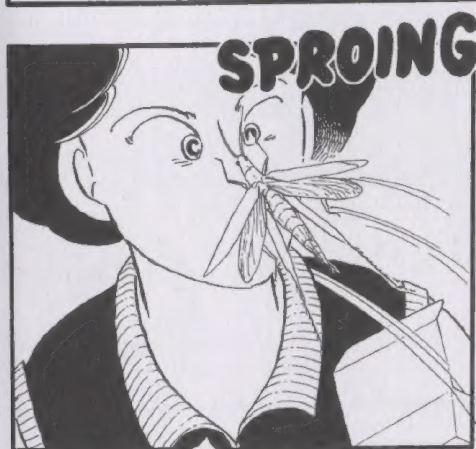
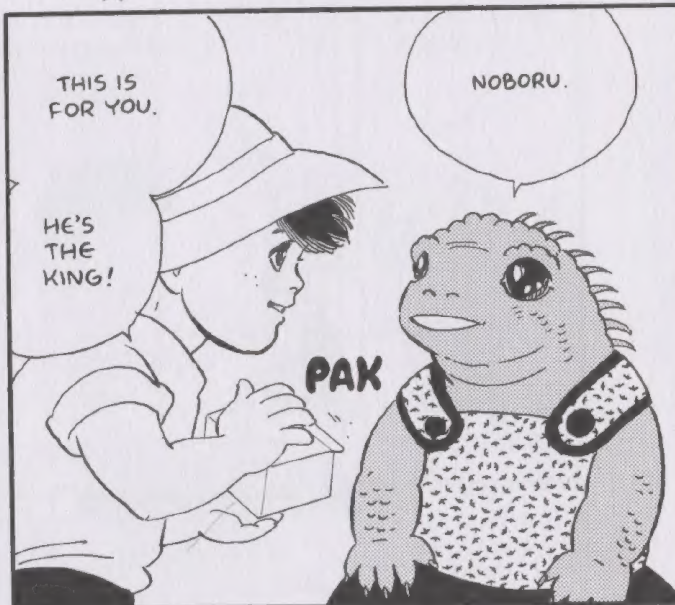
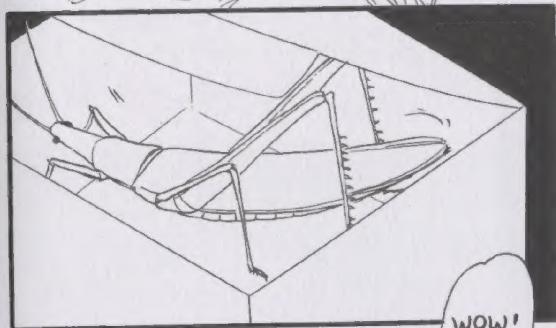




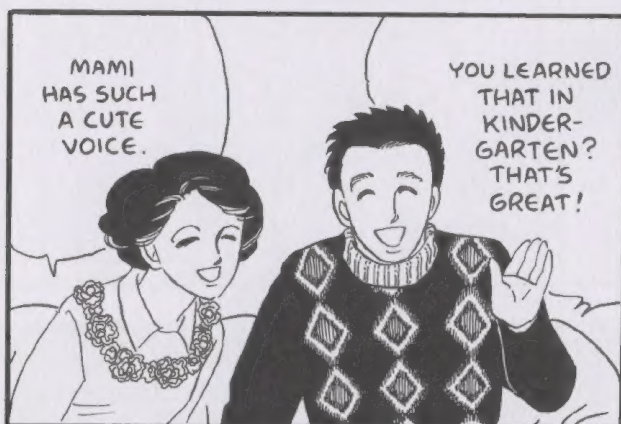
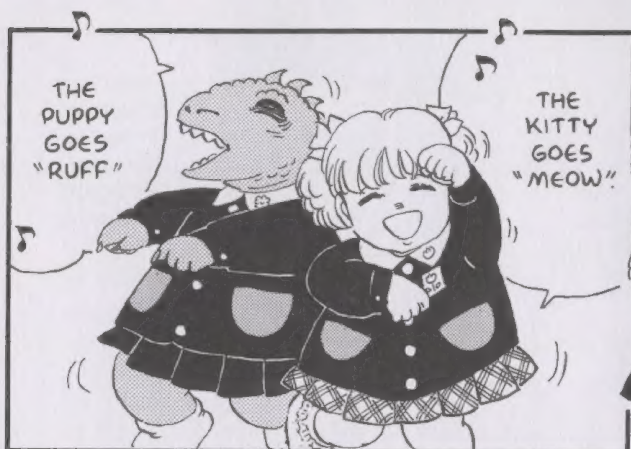
















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THEY'RE  
BOTH SO  
CUTE IN THIS  
PICTURE WE  
TOOK AT THE  
SHRINE.



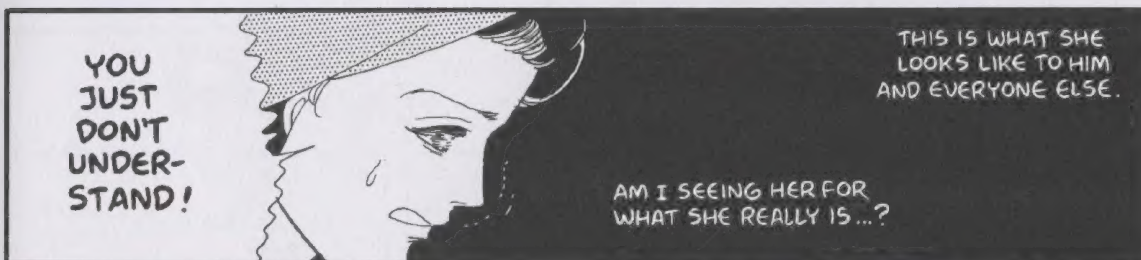
DON'T  
COMPARE  
RIKA TO  
MAMI AND  
CRITICIZE  
HER LIKE  
THAT.

BUT...



IN PHOTOS,  
SHE LOOKS  
LIKE A  
HUMAN  
BEING.

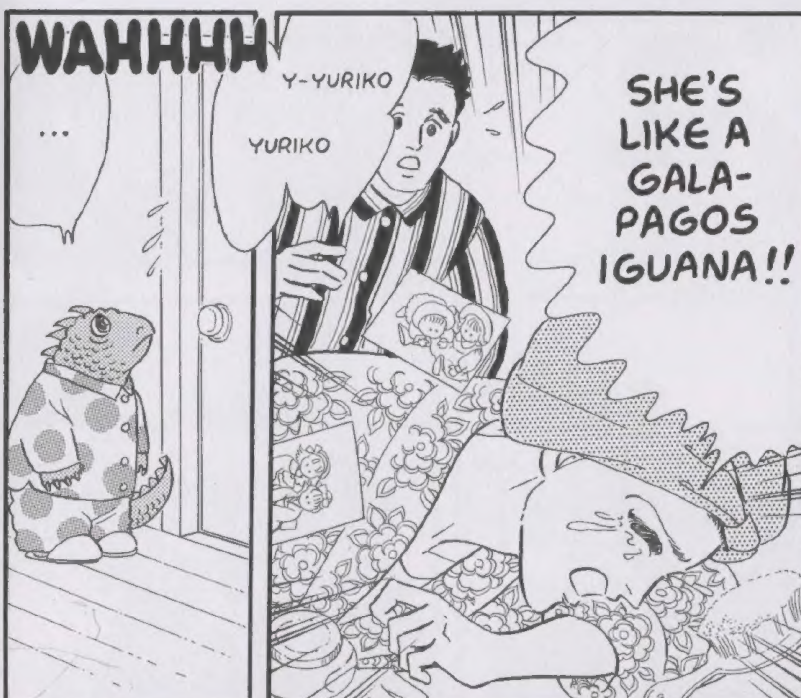
IT'S SO  
STRANGE.



YOU  
JUST  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND!

THIS IS WHAT SHE  
LOOKS LIKE TO HIM  
AND EVERYONE ELSE.

AM I SEEING HER FOR  
WHAT SHE REALLY IS...?



WAHHHH

Y-YURIKO

YURIKO

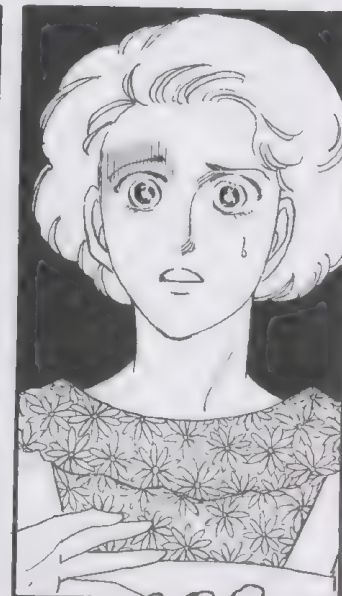
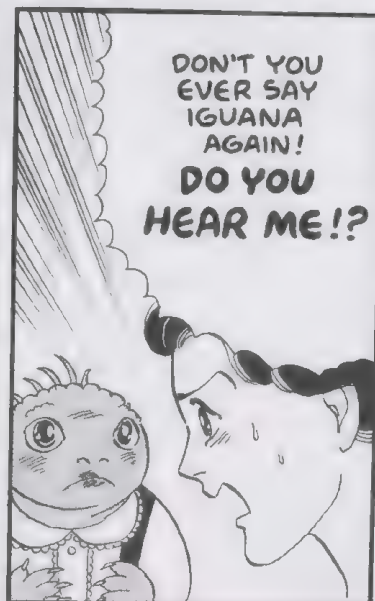
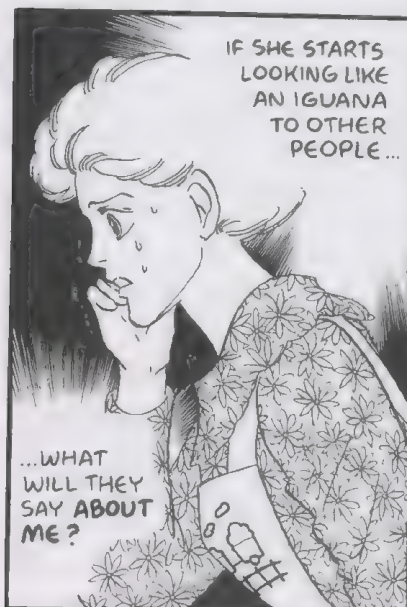
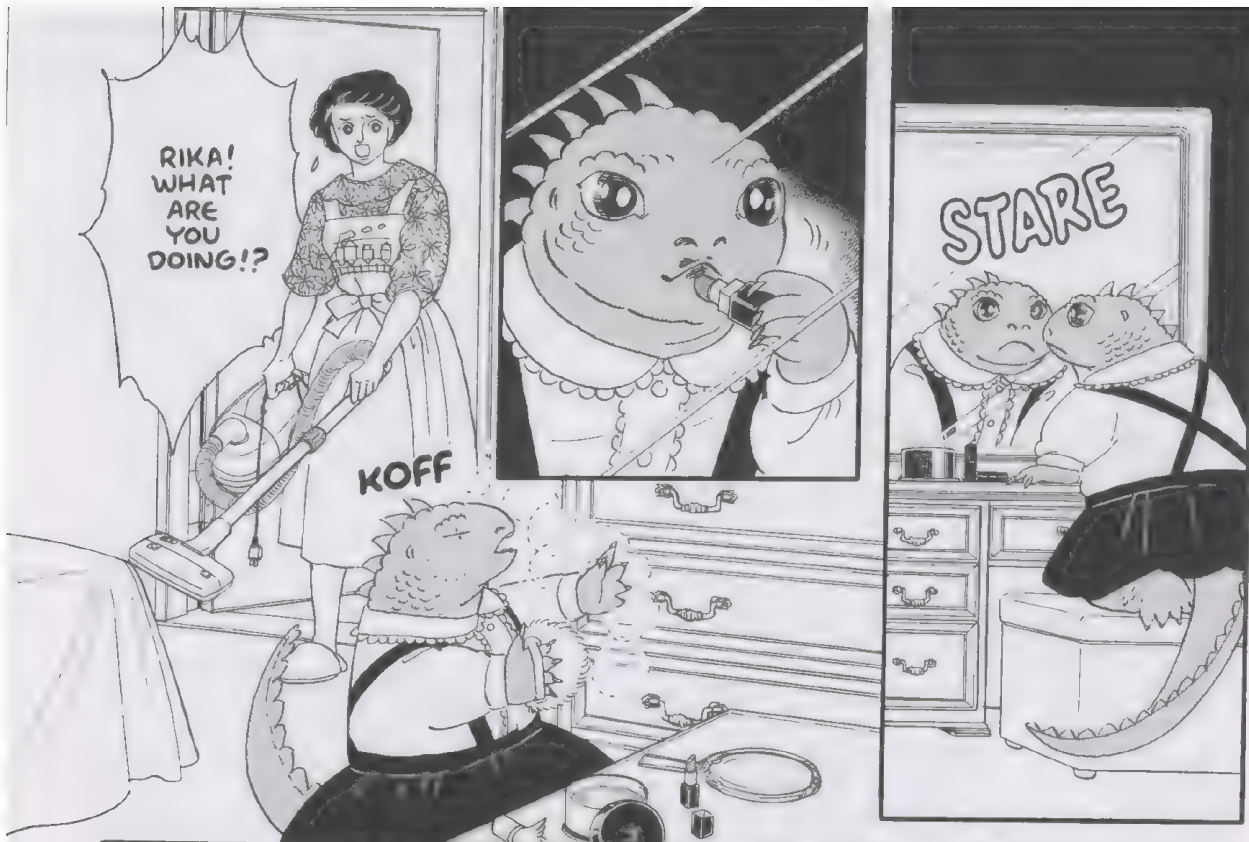
SHE'S  
LIKE A  
GALA-  
PAGOS  
IGUANA!!



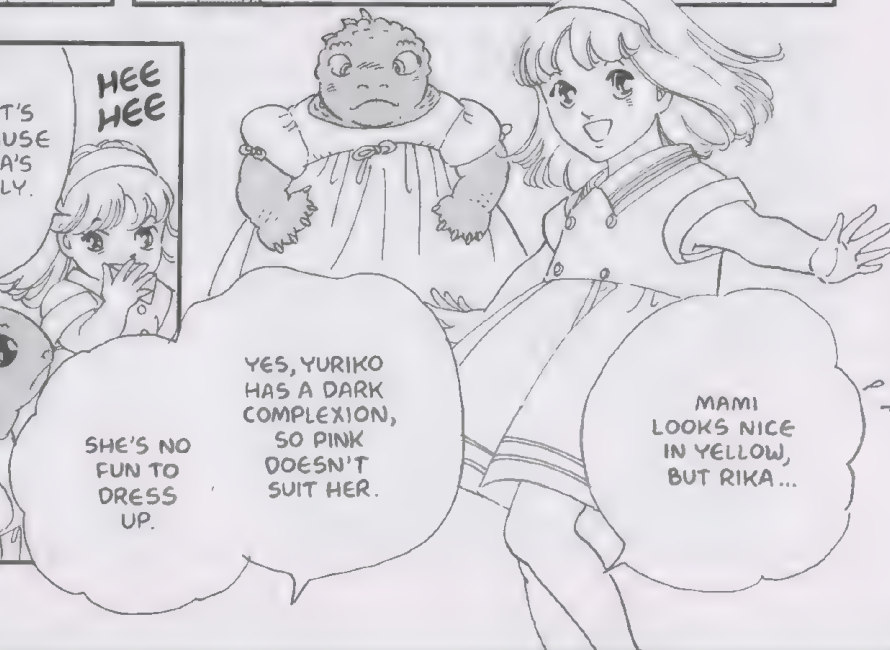
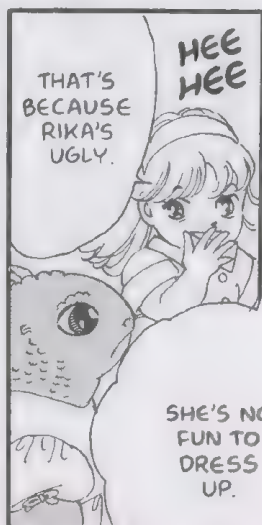
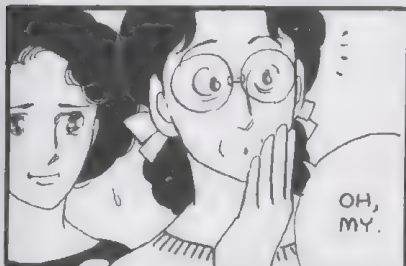
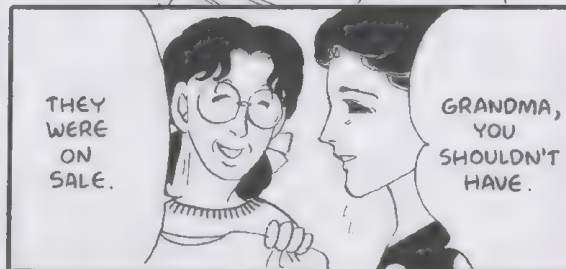
THAT BIG  
MOUTH AND  
THOSE EYES  
AND THOSE  
BOW LEGS...

YURIKO!  
WHAT A  
THING TO  
SAY!







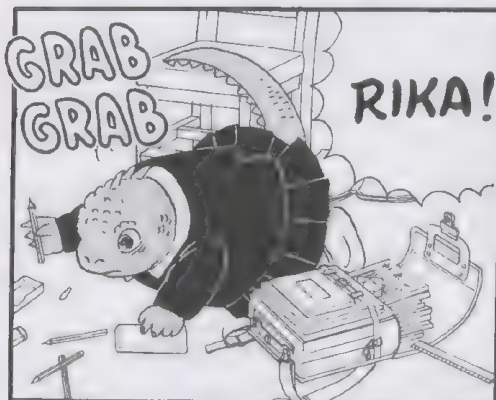






WHERE'S  
RIKA?

I'M  
READY!

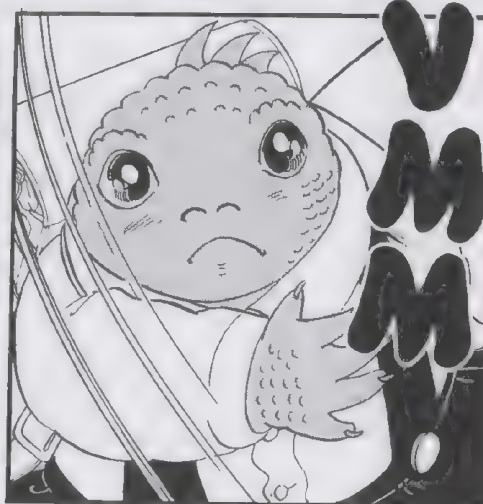
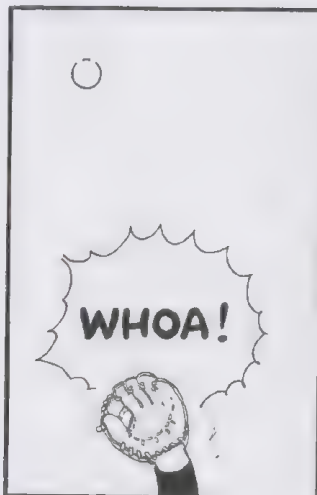
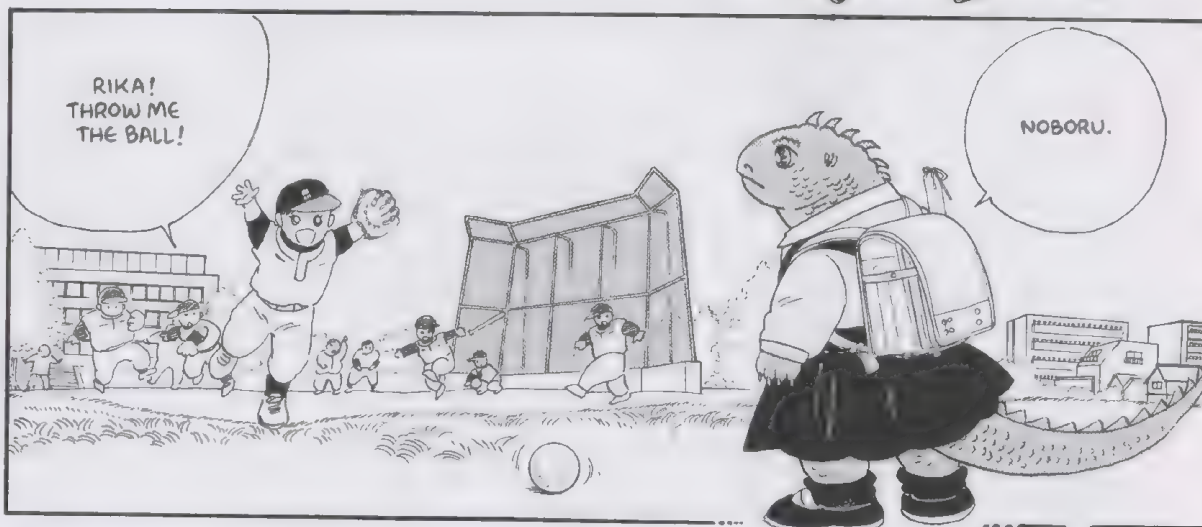




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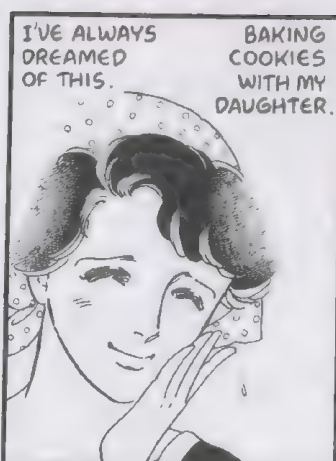
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I...  
I'M HOME.



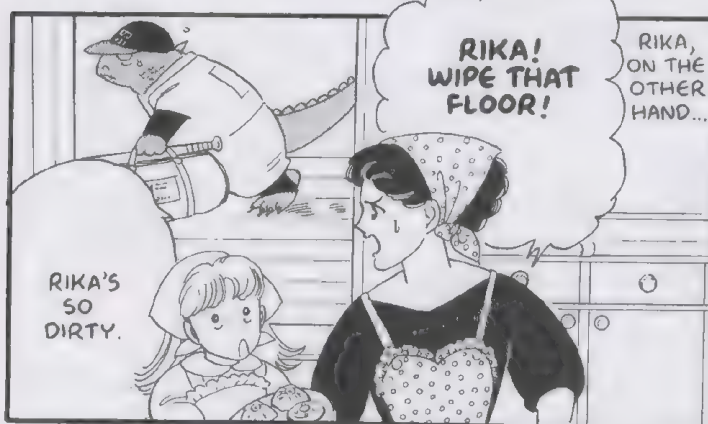
I'VE ALWAYS  
DREAMED  
OF THIS.

BAKING  
COOKIES  
WITH MY  
DAUGHTER.



OH,  
THAT'S  
SO CUTE.  
YOU HAVE  
SUCH  
GOOD  
TASTE.

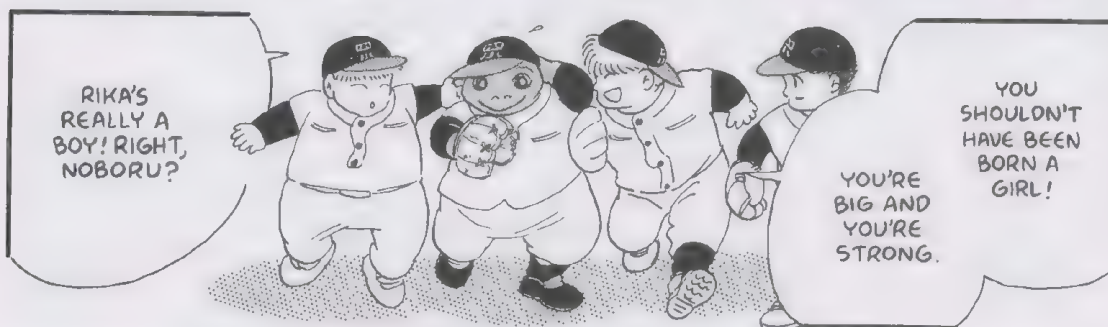
MAMA,  
I FINISHED  
DECORATING  
THEM.



RIKA!  
WIPE THAT  
FLOOR!

RIKA,  
ON THE  
OTHER  
HAND...

RIKA'S  
SO  
DIRTY.



RIKA'S  
REALLY A  
BOY! RIGHT,  
NOBORU?

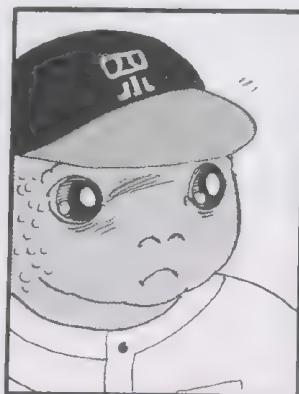
YOU'RE  
BIG AND  
YOU'RE  
STRONG.

YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN  
BORN A  
GIRL!



OOOO,  
SOMETHING'S  
GOING ON  
WITH NOBORU  
AND RIKA!

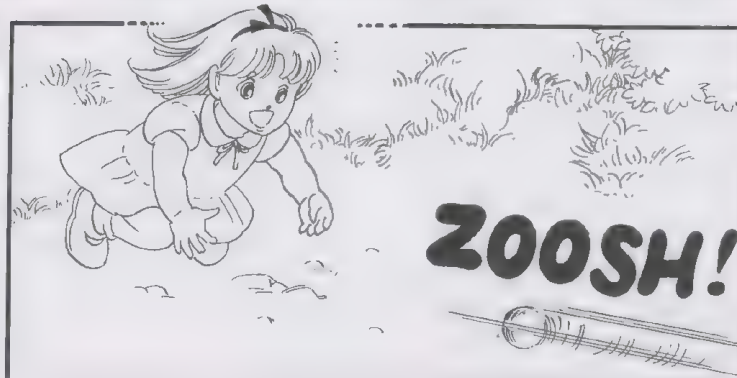
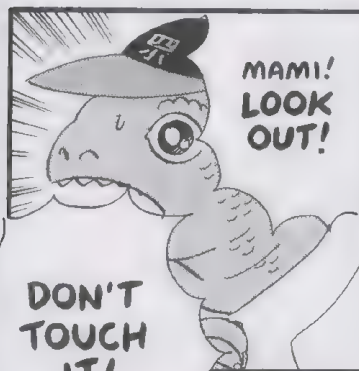
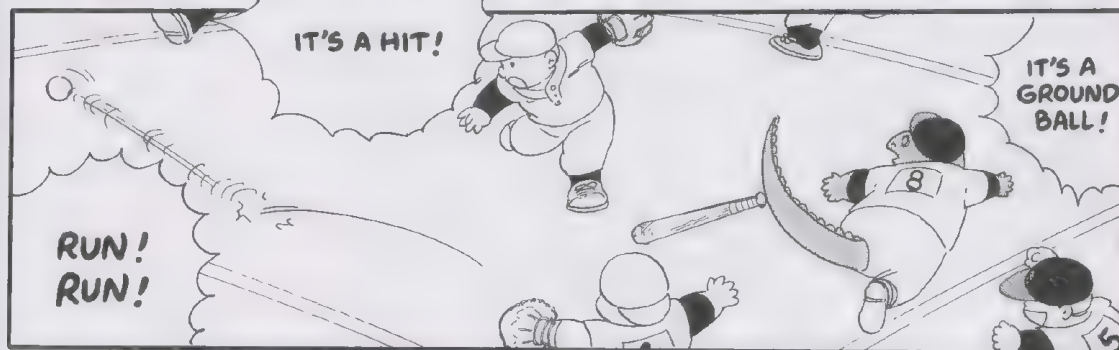
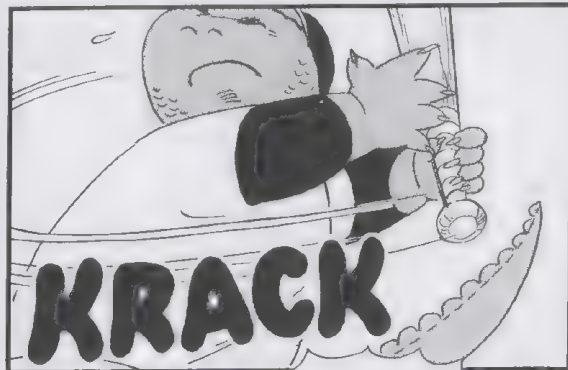
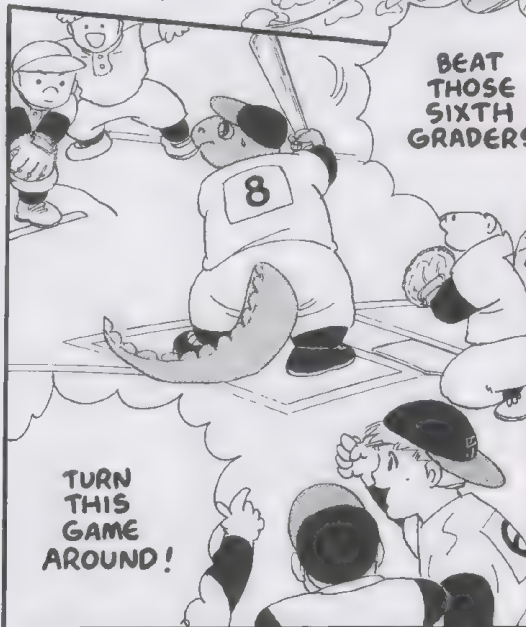
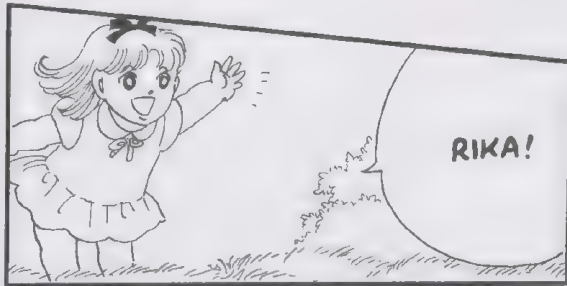
SOME-  
THING'S  
GOING  
ON!



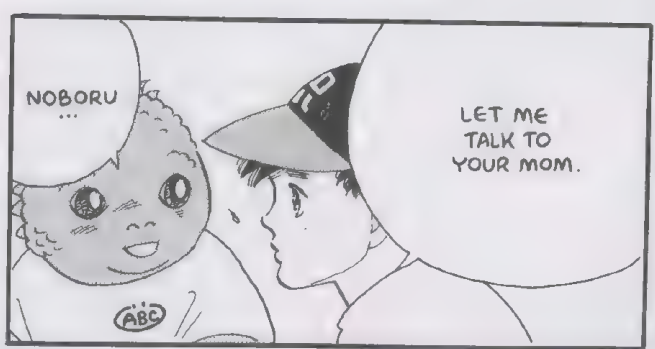
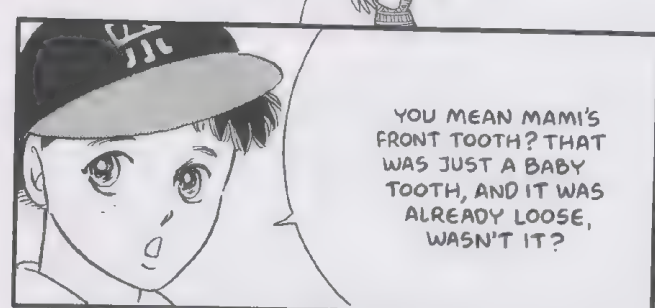
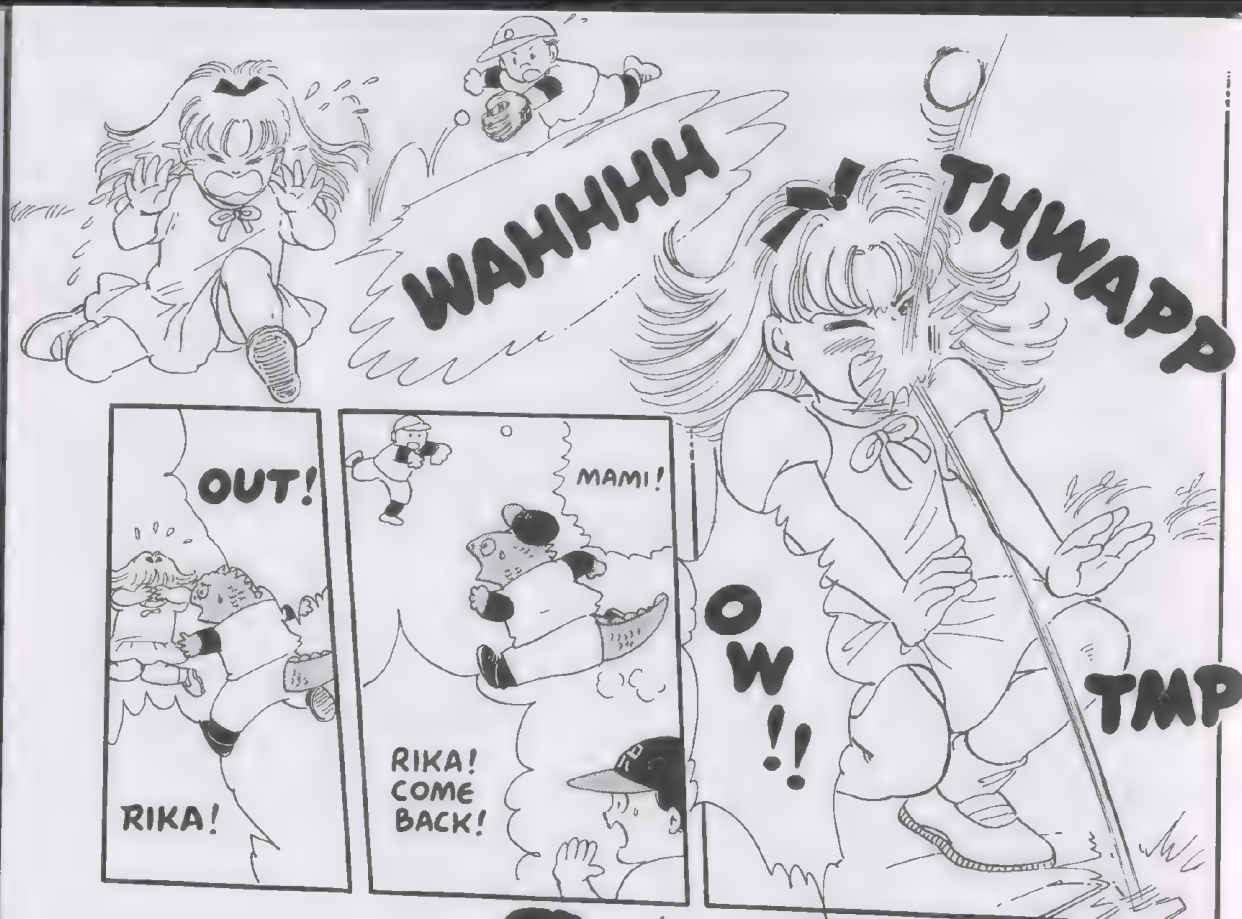
RIKA CAN'T  
BE A BOY!  
IF SHE WAS  
A BOY...  
WELL...



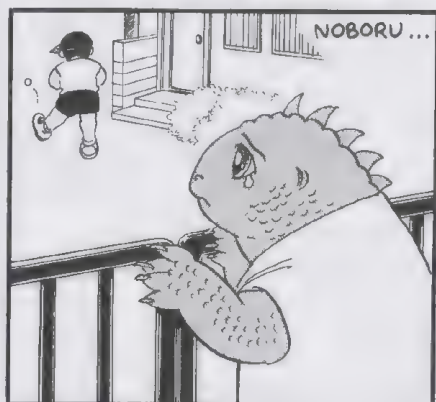
HIT IT  
OUT OF  
THE PARK,  
RIKA!



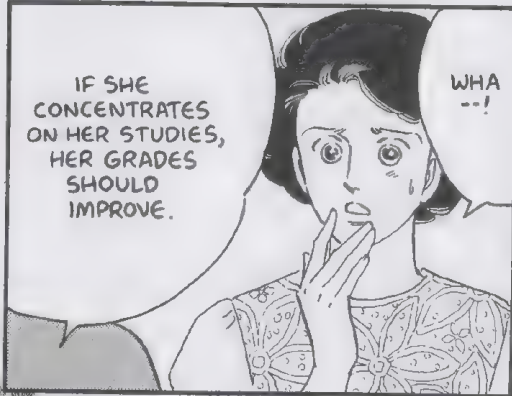




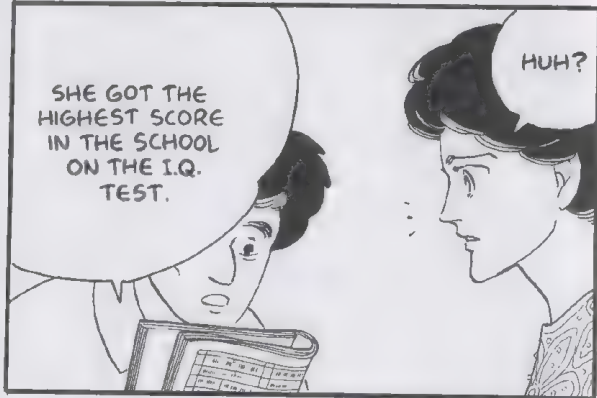




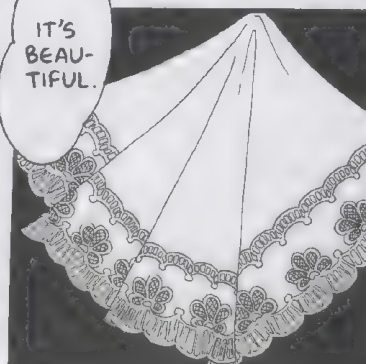
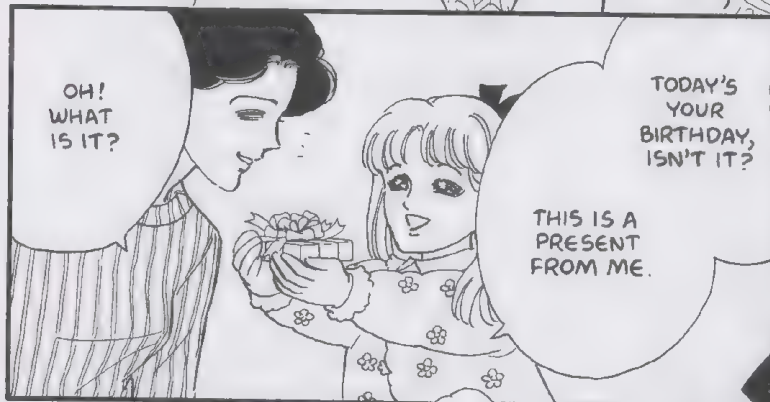




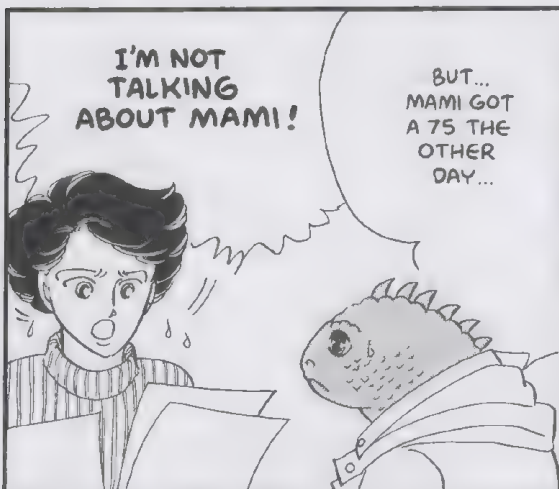
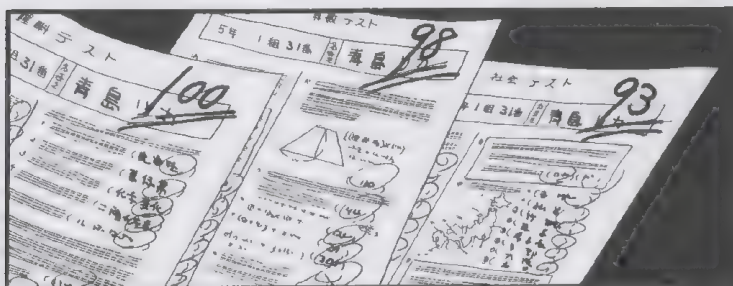
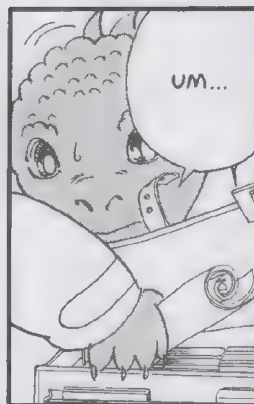
IF SHE CONCENTRATES ON HER STUDIES, HER GRADES SHOULD IMPROVE.



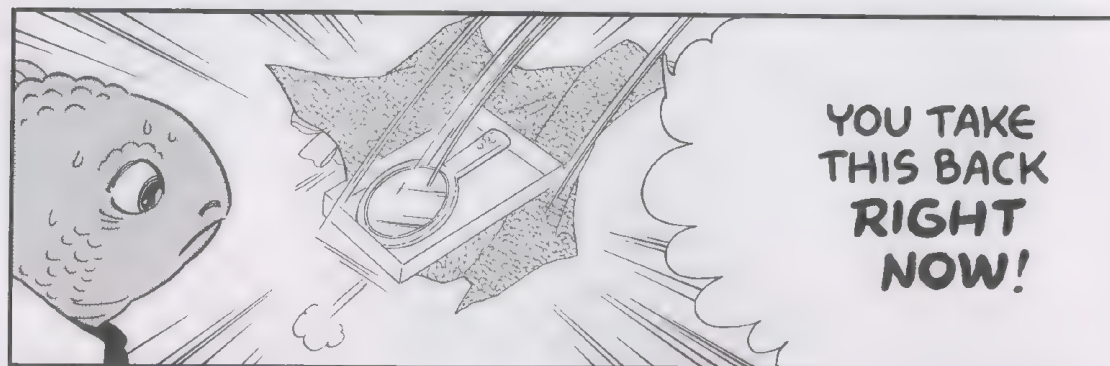
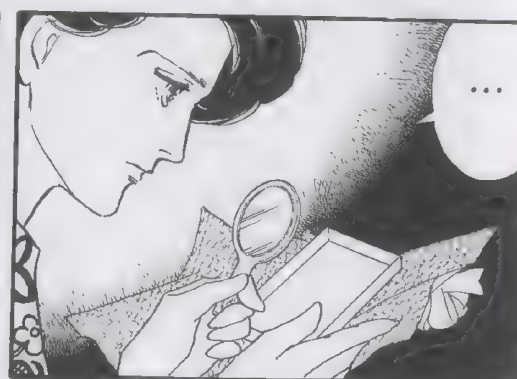
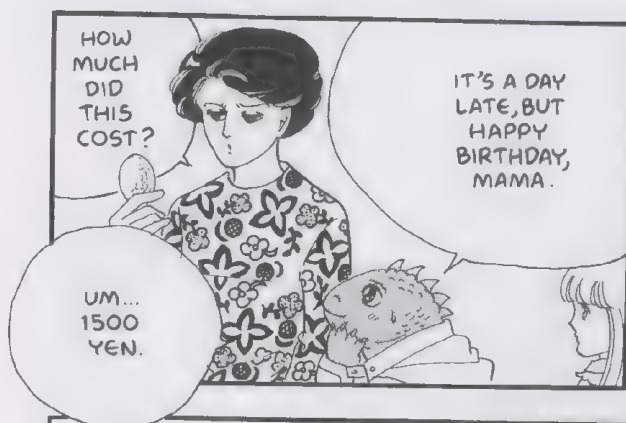
SHE GOT THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE SCHOOL ON THE I.Q. TEST.



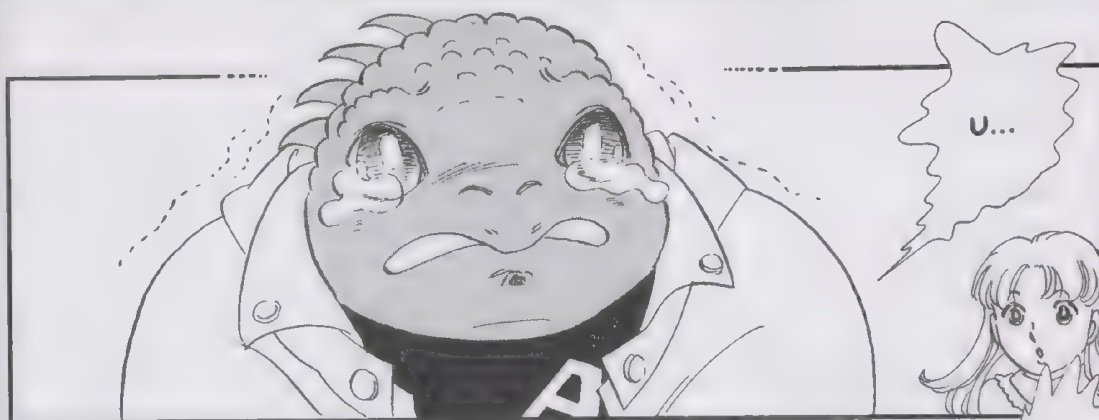












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WH--  
WHAT!

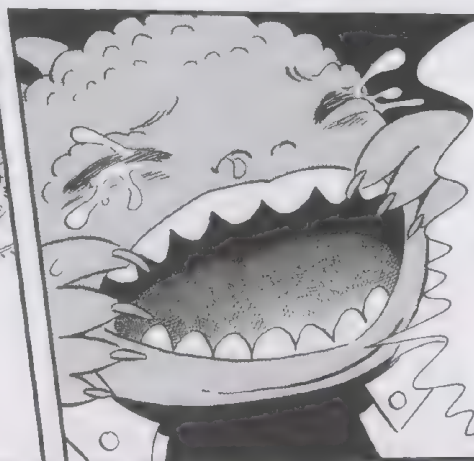
STOP THAT  
CRYING!  
YOU'RE  
BEING  
RIDICULOUS!

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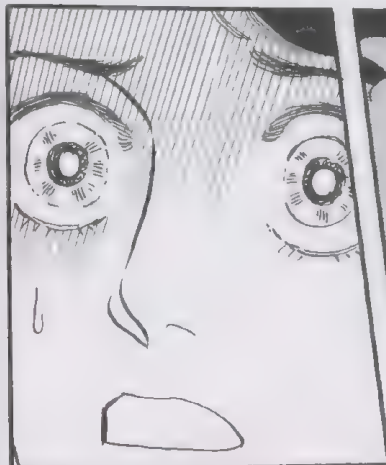


YOU'RE ALWAYS SO NICE  
TO MAMI, BUT YOU'RE  
ALWAYS YELLING  
AT ME!

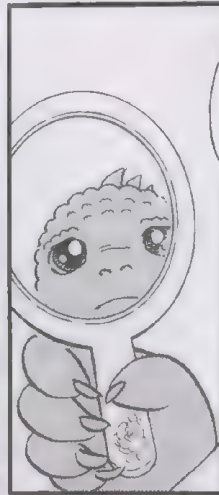
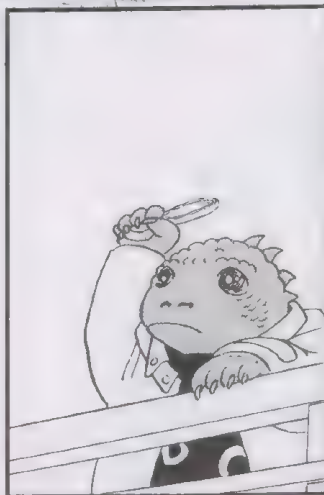
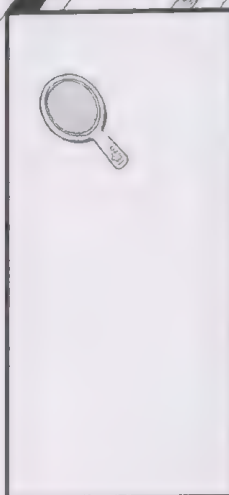
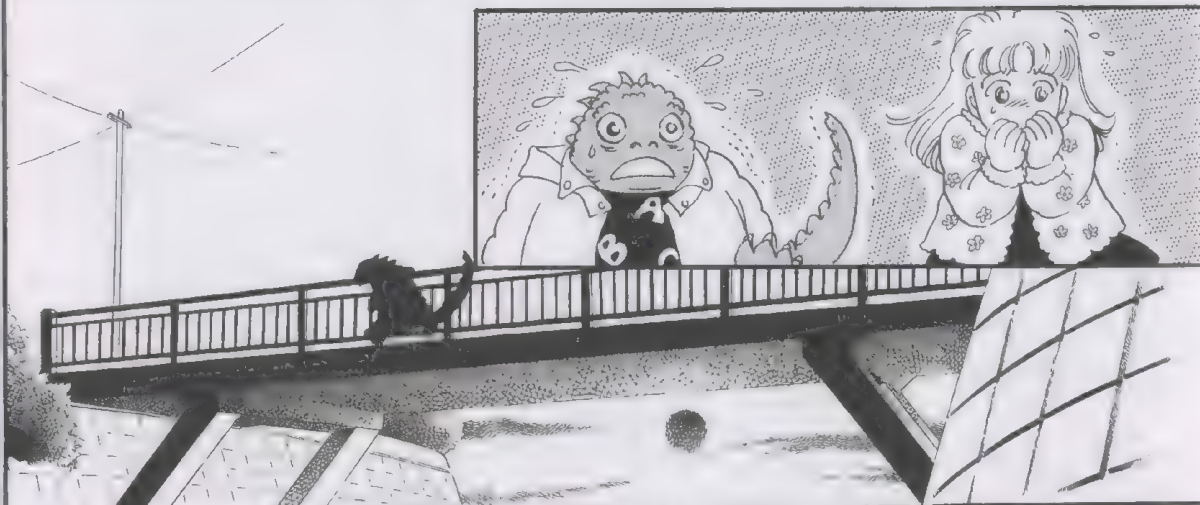
YOU  
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YOU  
HATE ME  
BECAUSE  
I'M AN  
IGUANA!









I BET THAT ON THE DAY  
I WAS BORN...



... A HUMAN BABY  
WAS BORN IN AN  
IGUANA NEST.

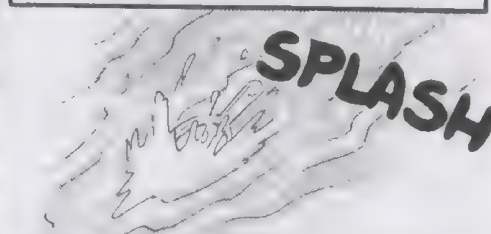
YOU MUST HAVE  
MADE SOME KIND  
OF MISTAKE.



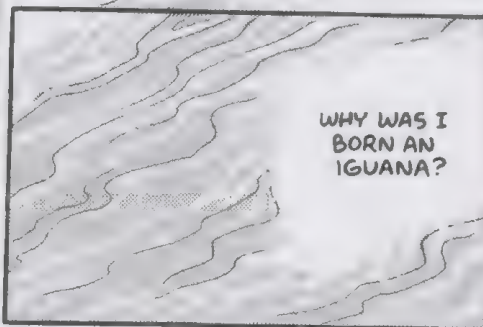
YOU MUST HAVE  
GOTTEN THE SOUL  
AND THE BODY  
MIXED UP.



GOD



WHY WAS I  
BORN AN  
IGUANA?



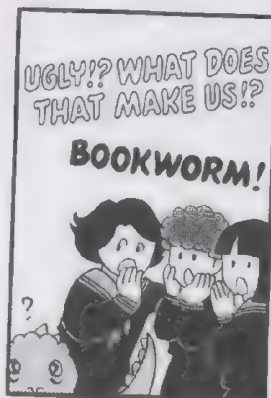
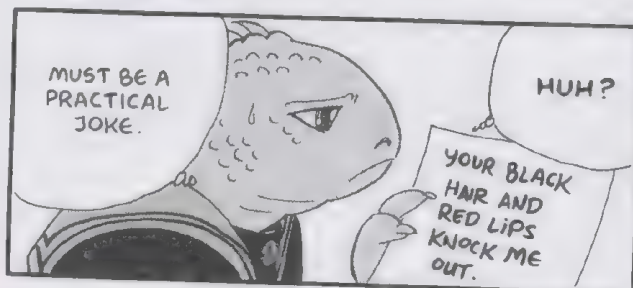
SHE MUST HAVE DIED RIGHT  
AWAY. IGUANAS DON'T HAVE  
BREASTS, SO THEY COULDN'T  
HAVE FED HER.

RIGHT. WHEN  
I GROW UP...

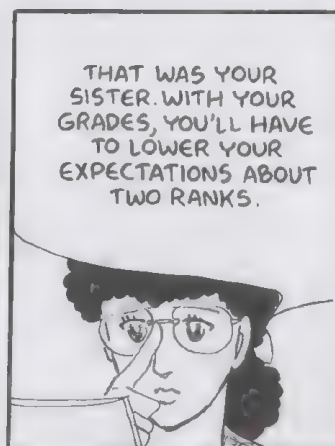
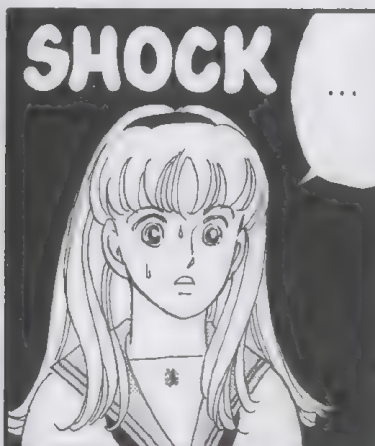
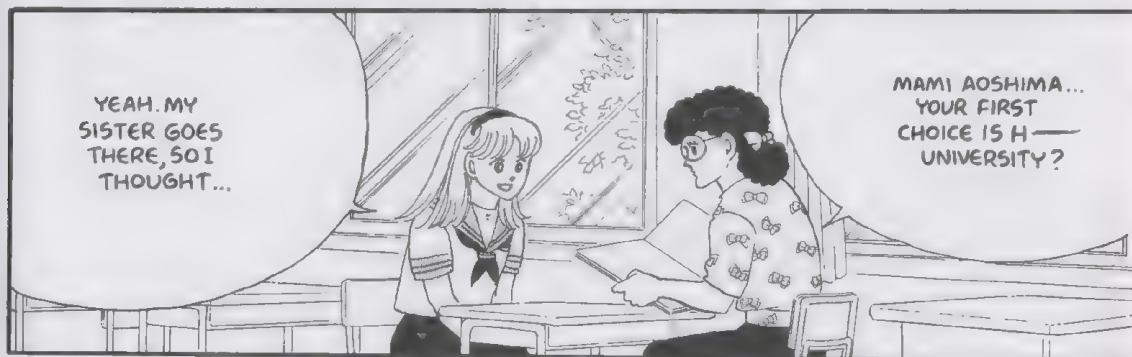
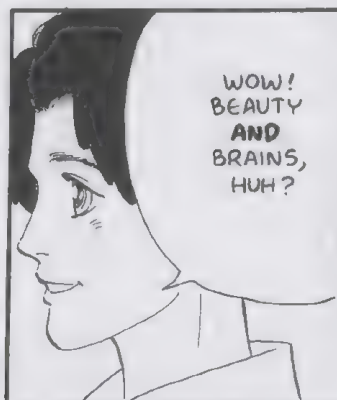
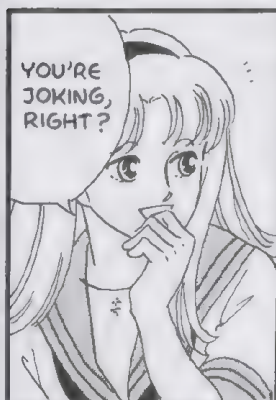
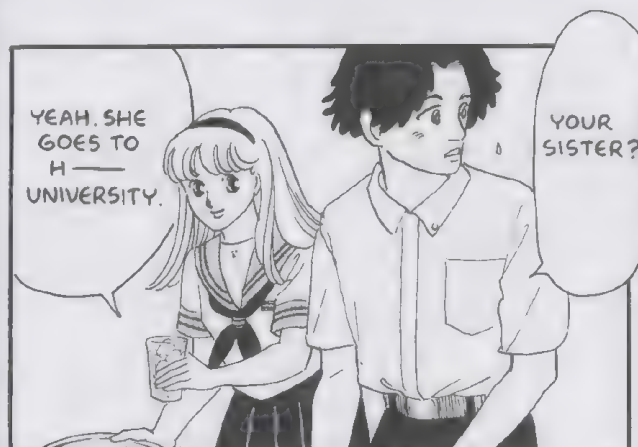
...I'M GOING TO  
THE GALAPAGOS  
ISLANDS ...

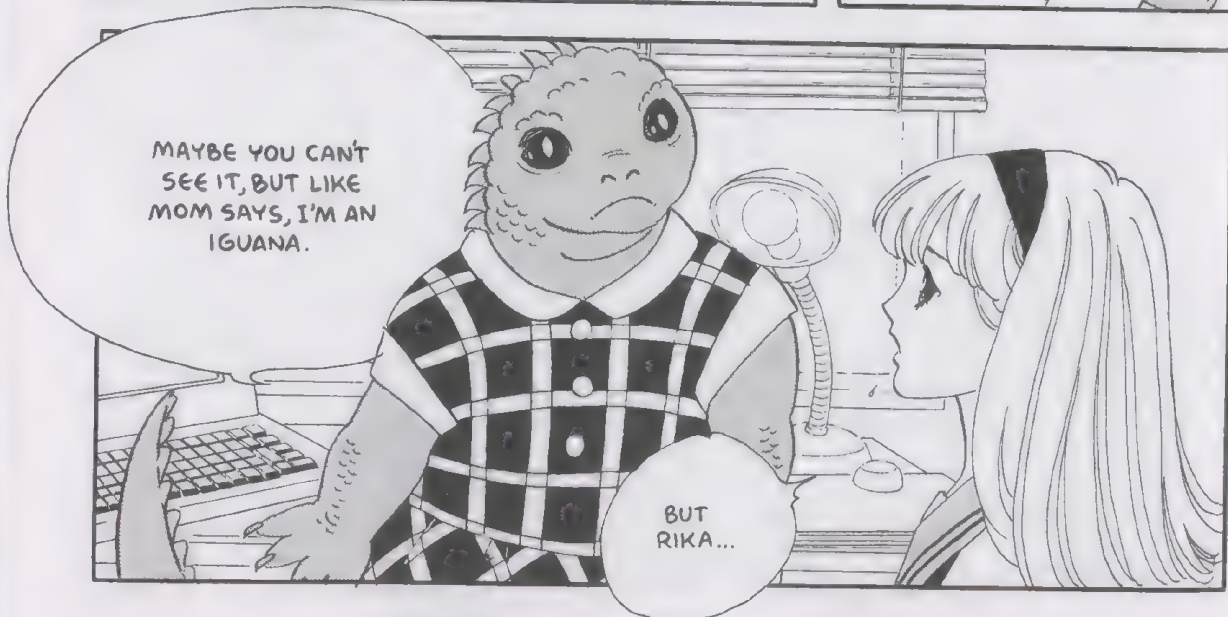
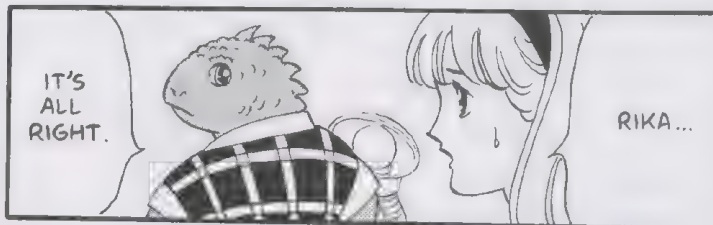
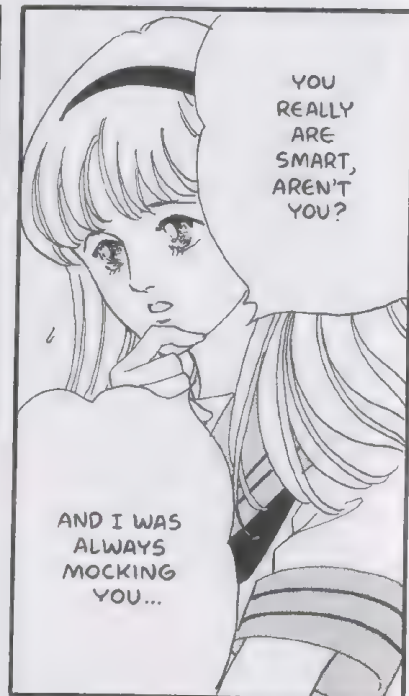
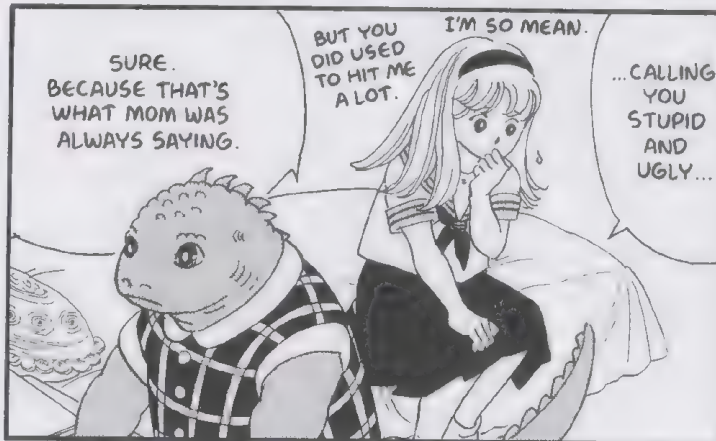
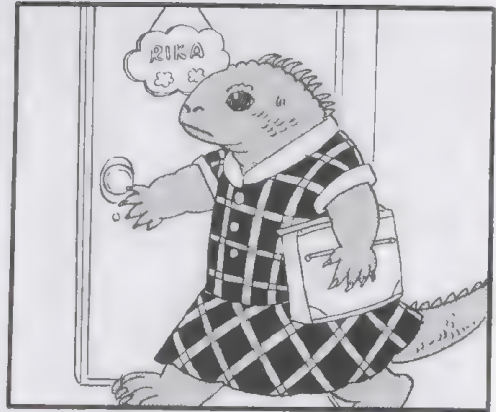
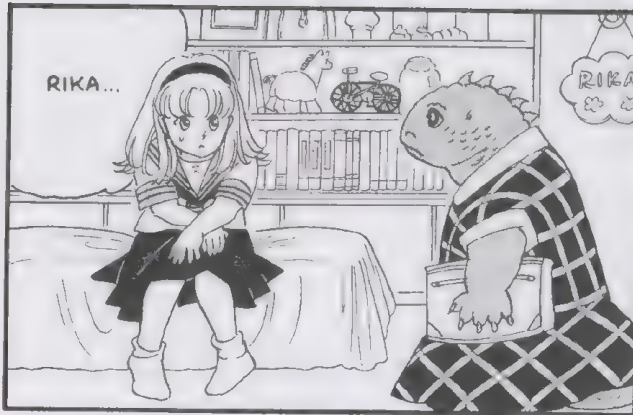
...TO LOOK FOR MY  
REAL MOTHER AND  
FATHER.



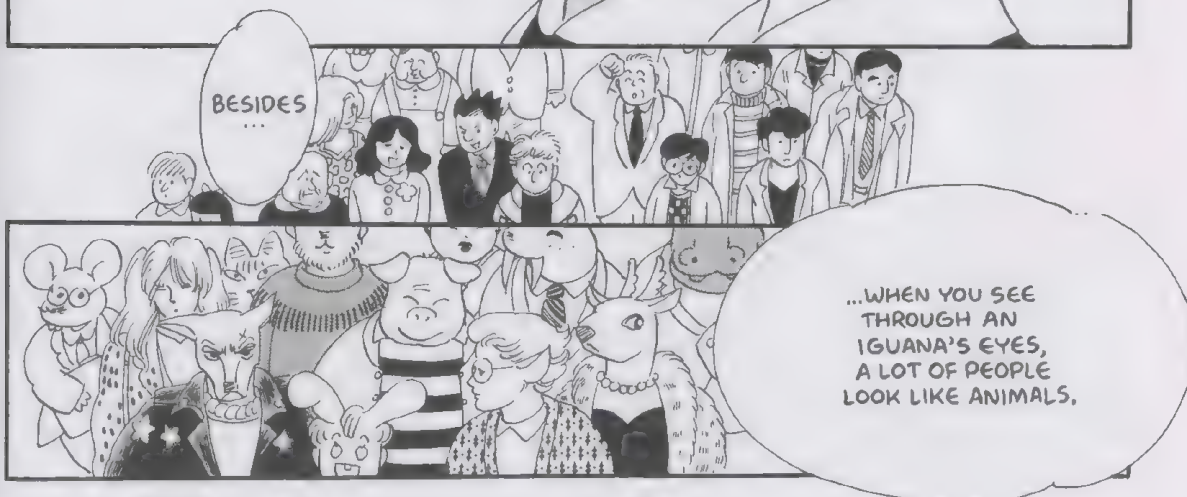
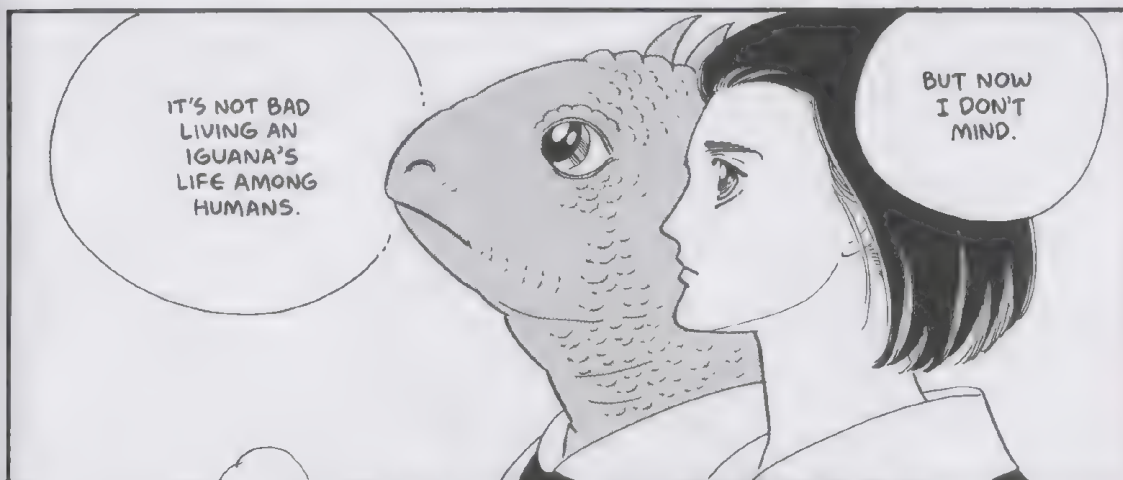
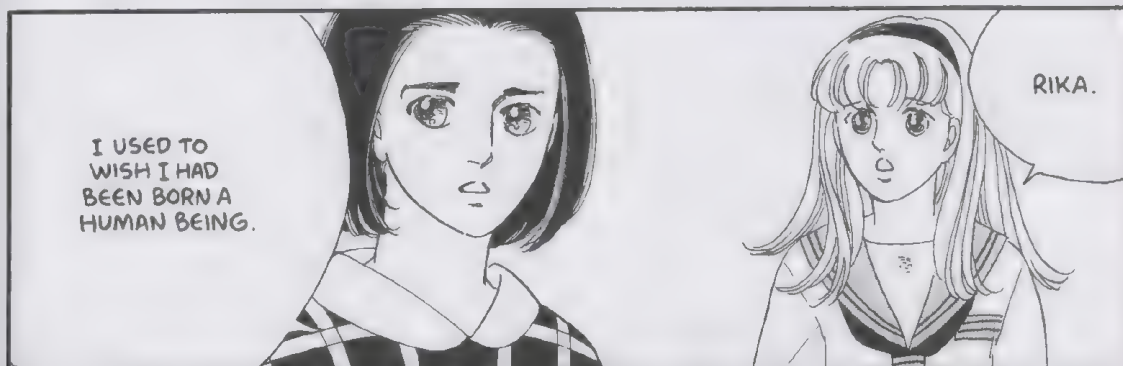
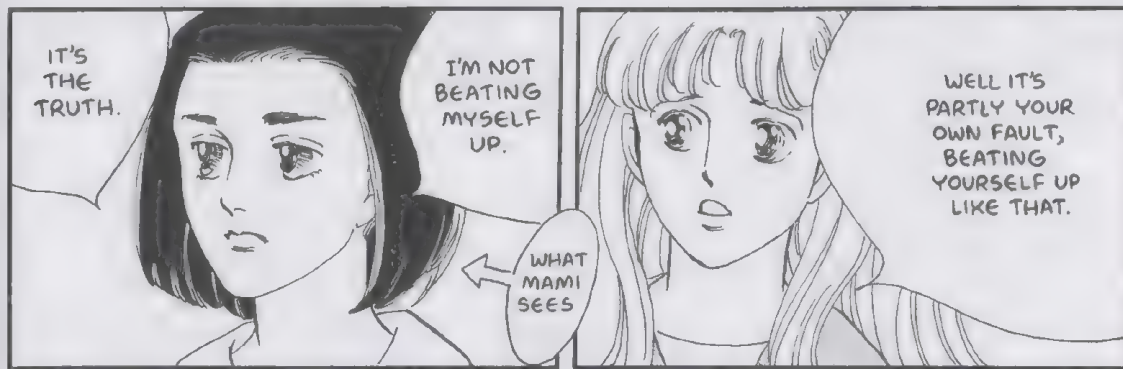


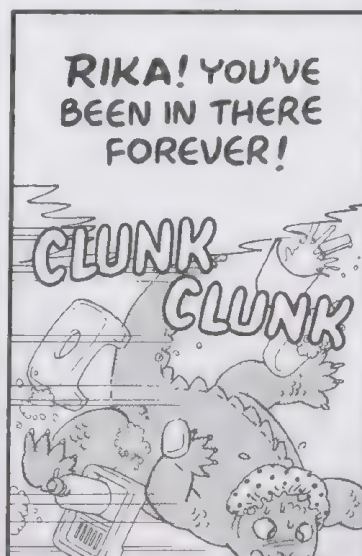
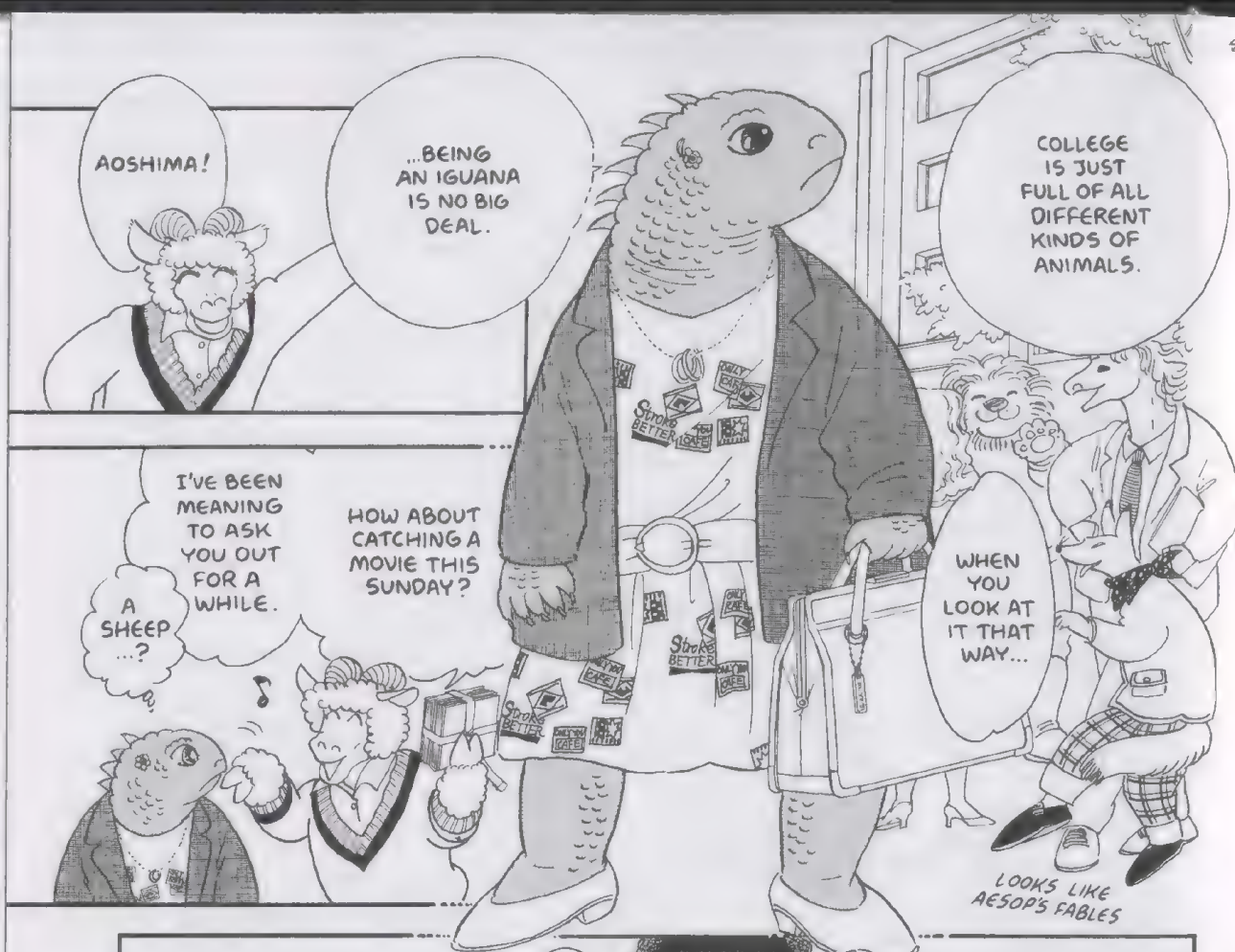




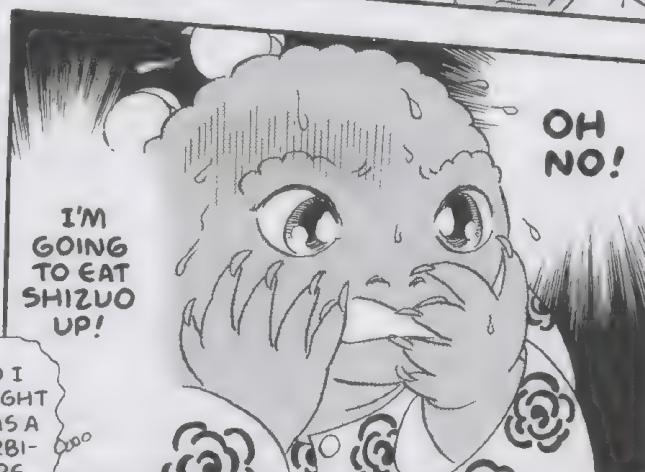
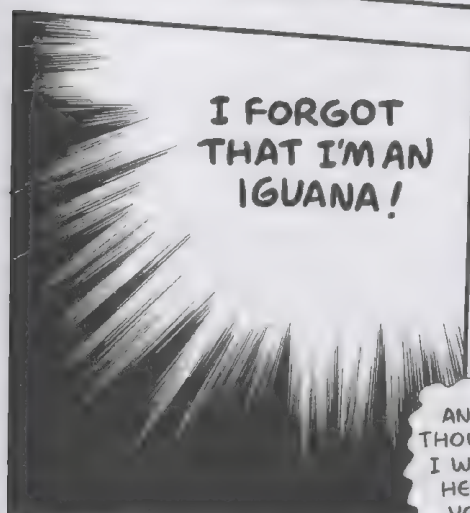
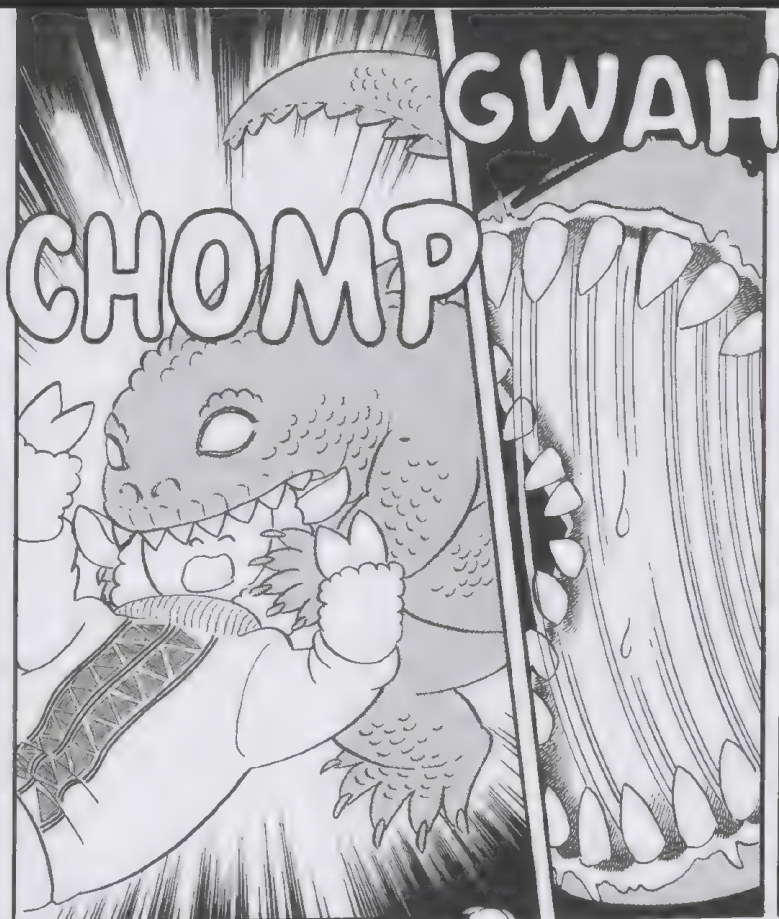






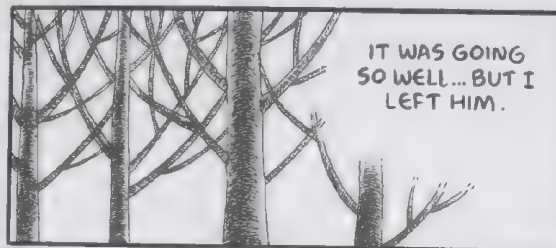






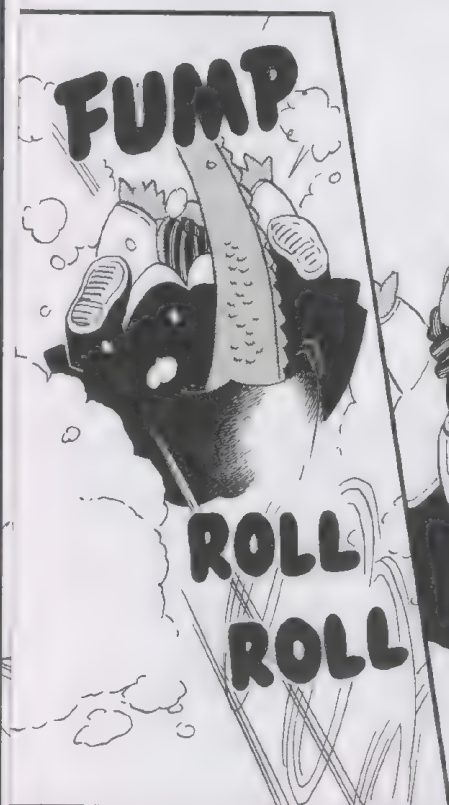
I'M  
GOING  
TO EAT  
SHIZUO  
UP!

AND I  
THOUGHT  
I WAS A  
HERBI-  
VORE...

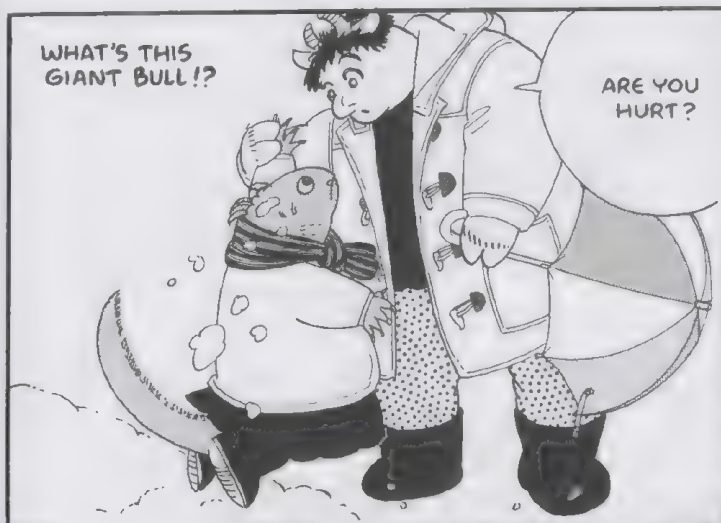
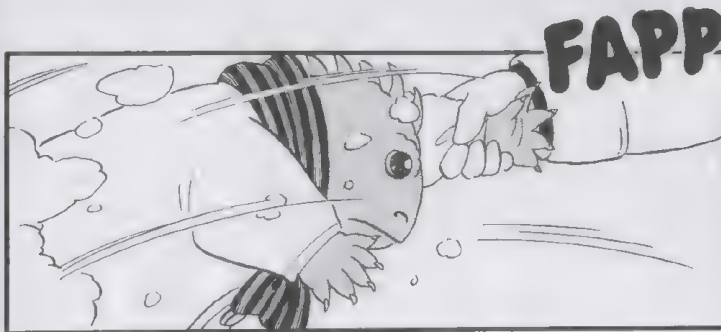


I'LL NEVER  
KNOW REAL  
LOVE...

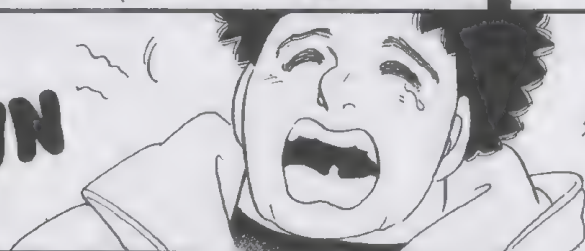
IT'S  
USELESS.



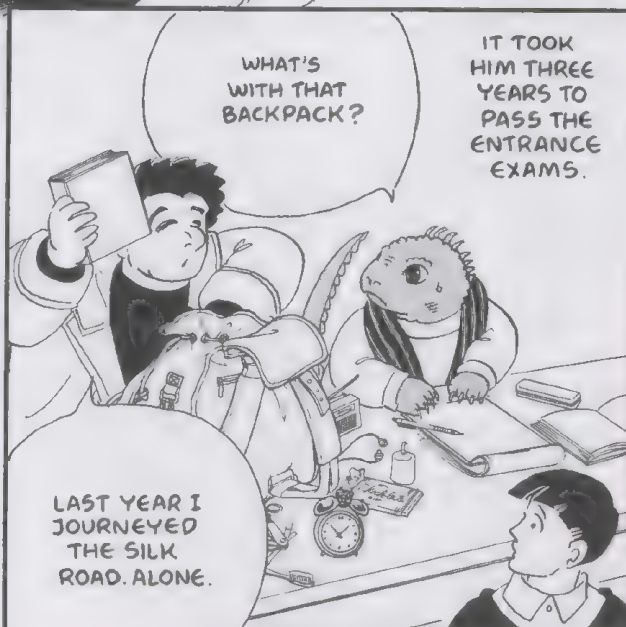
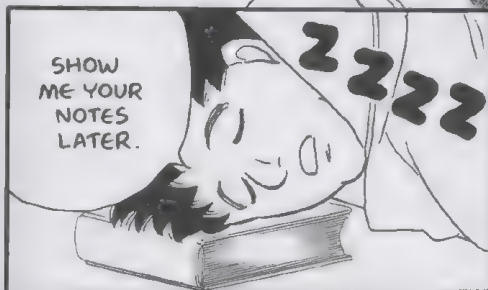




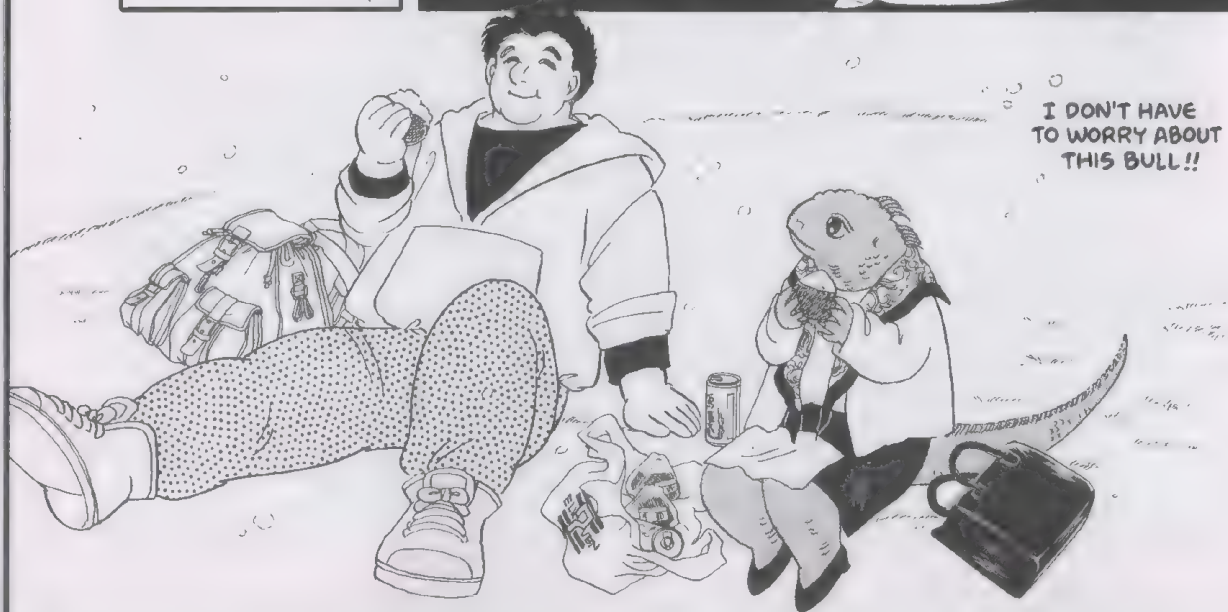
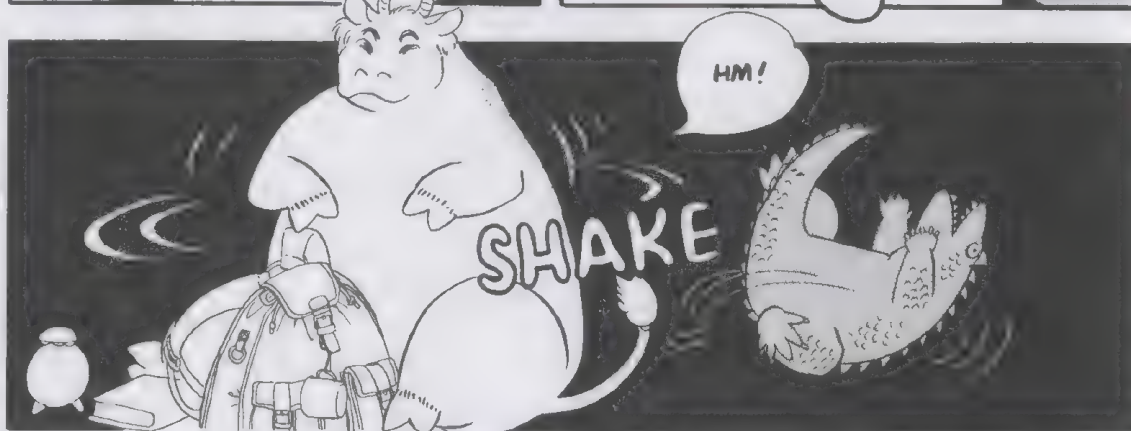
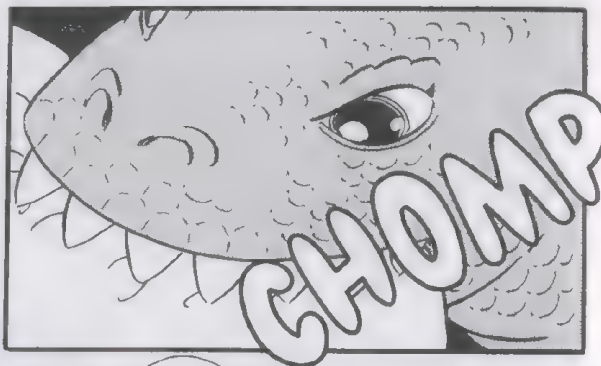
**YAWN**



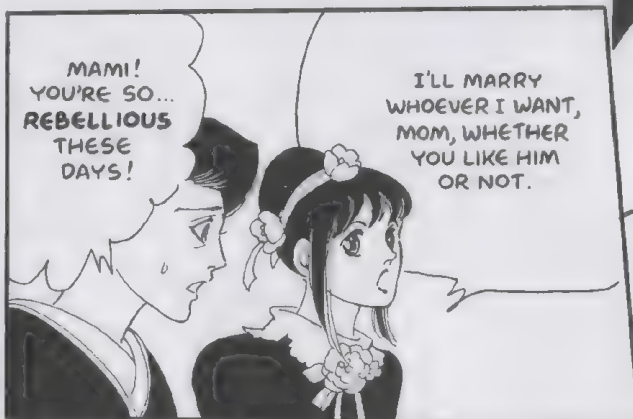
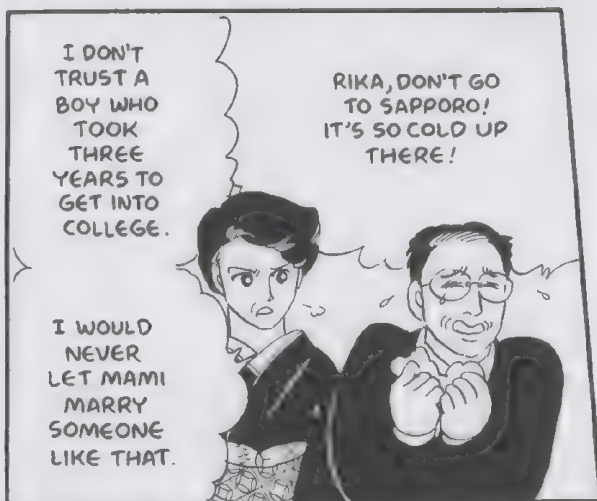
**YAWN  
YAWN**



LAST YEAR I  
JOURNEYED  
THE SILK  
ROAD. ALONE.







I FEEL SO  
FULFILLED,  
I'M ALMOST  
FRIGHTENED.

HAPPINESS IS  
BEING WITH  
SOMEONE YOU  
LOVE.



IF I WASN'T SO  
BUSY WITH WORK,  
WE COULD GO  
TOGETHER. I'M  
SORRY, RIKA.



THAT'S ALL RIGHT.  
I SENT MY PARENTS  
SOME HOKKAIDO  
BUTTER.

THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
I HATE  
BEING AWAY  
FROM YOU,  
KAZUHIKO.



YOU'RE NOT  
GOING HOME  
FOR NEW  
YEAR'S? YOU  
DIDN'T GO  
HOME IN THE  
SUMMER,  
EITHER.

OH, I AM  
SO HAPPY.



WE HAVE OUR  
LITTLE FIGHTS.  
THEN WE  
MAKE UP.

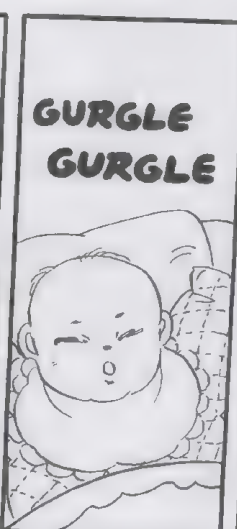
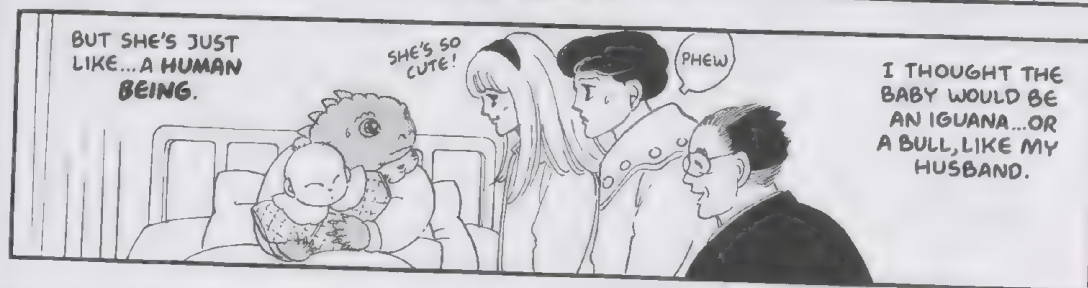
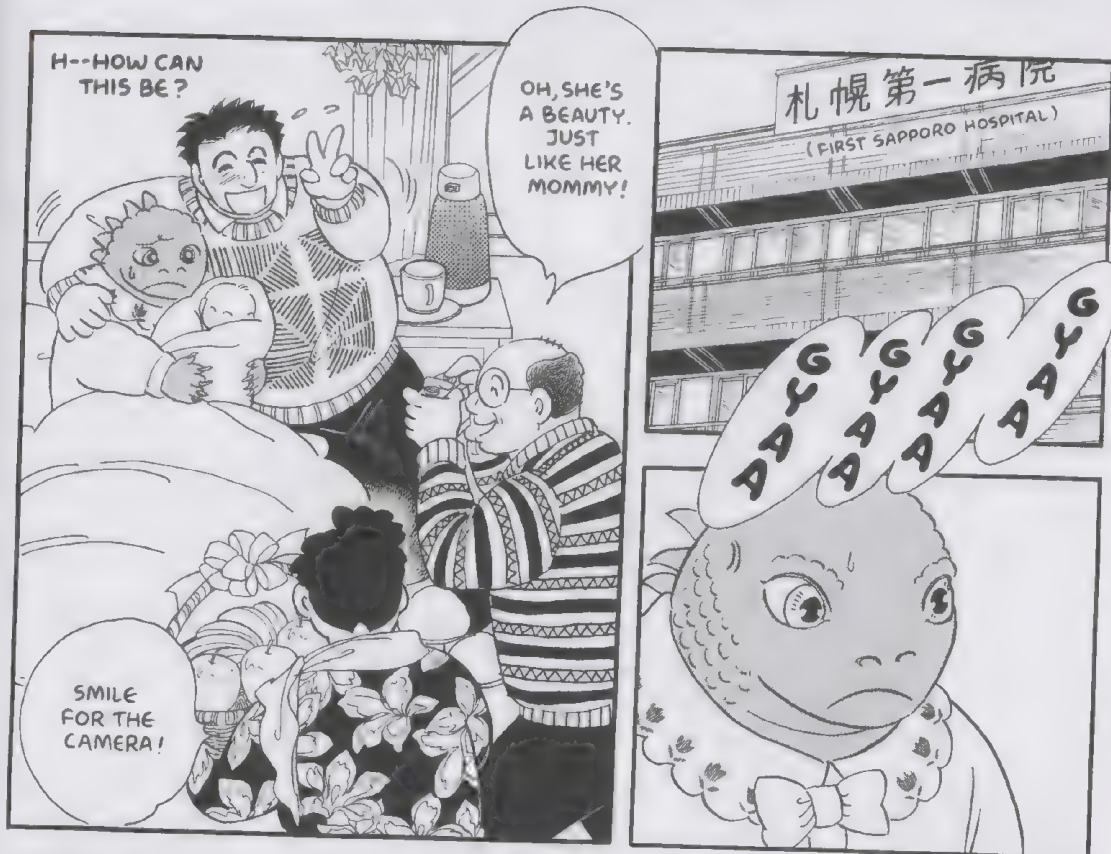
BESIDES, I  
DON'T WANT TO  
HEAR MOTHER  
BADMOUTHING  
KAZUHIKO.

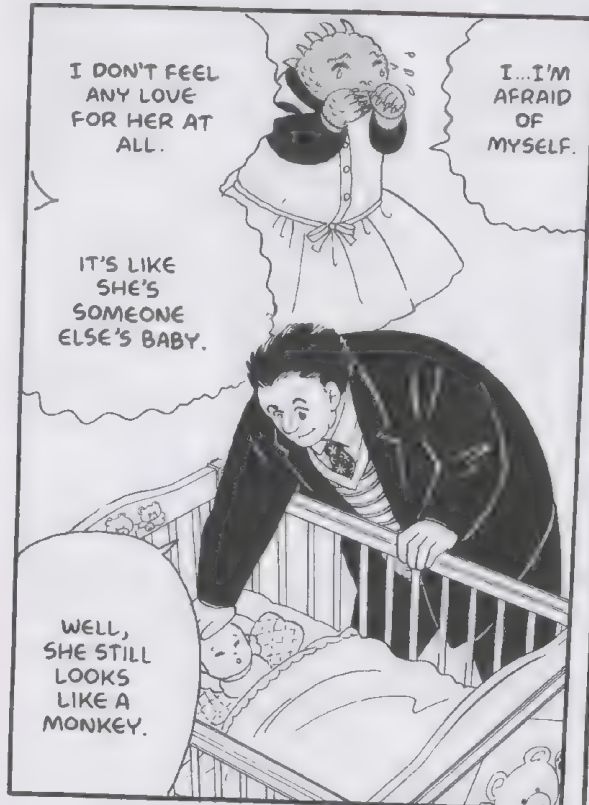
THREE  
YEARS!  
JUST TO  
GET INTO  
COLLEGE!

YOU'RE  
A FOOL  
TO TRUST  
HIM!

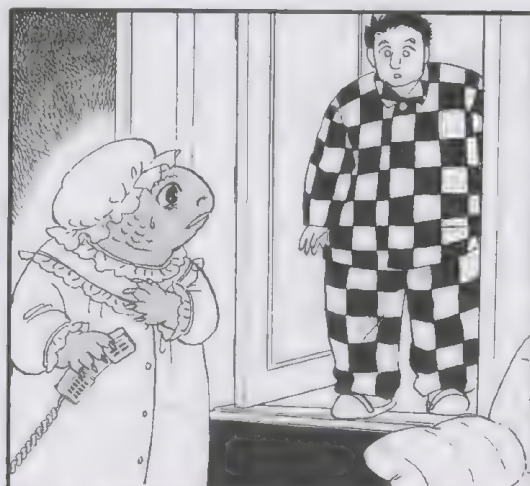
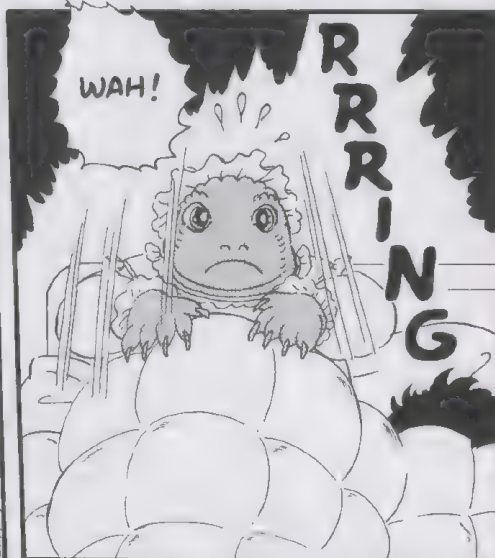
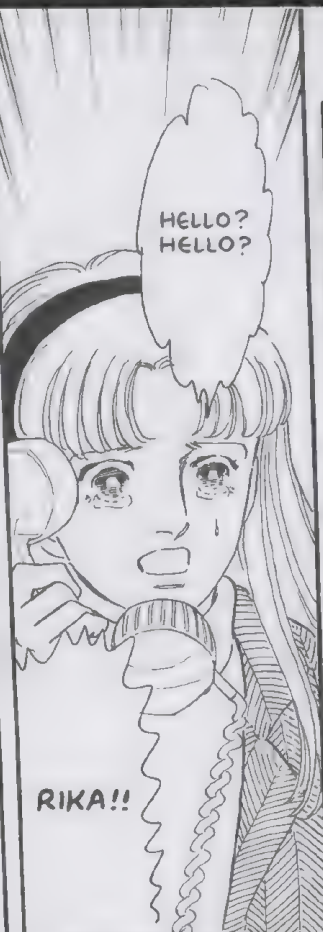


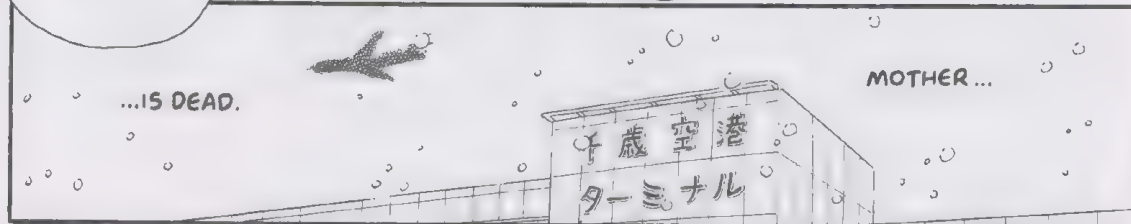
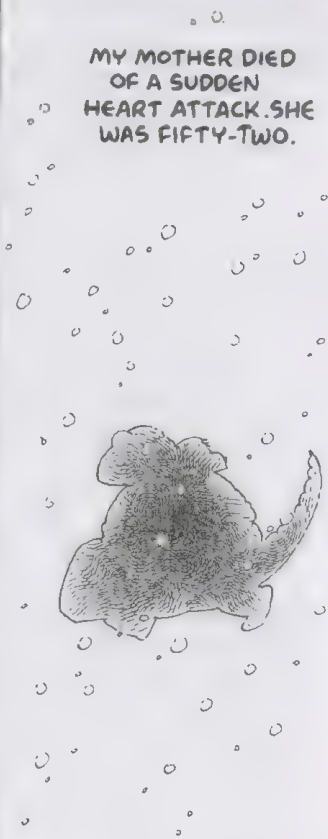




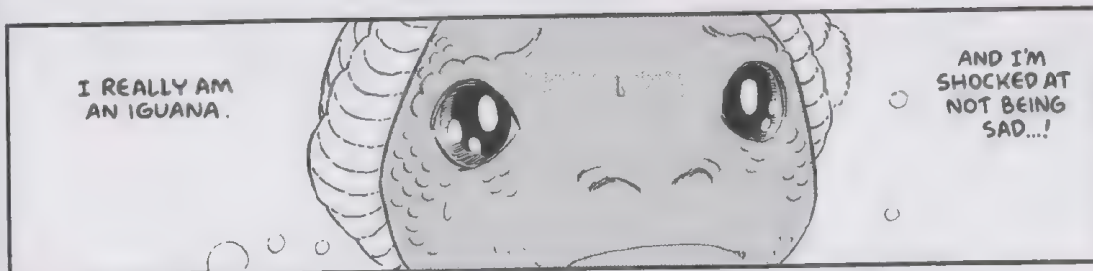






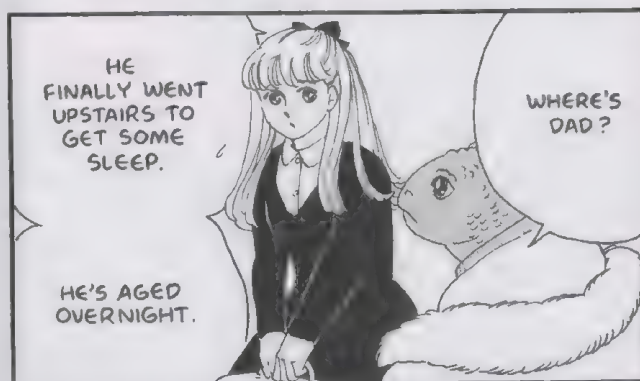
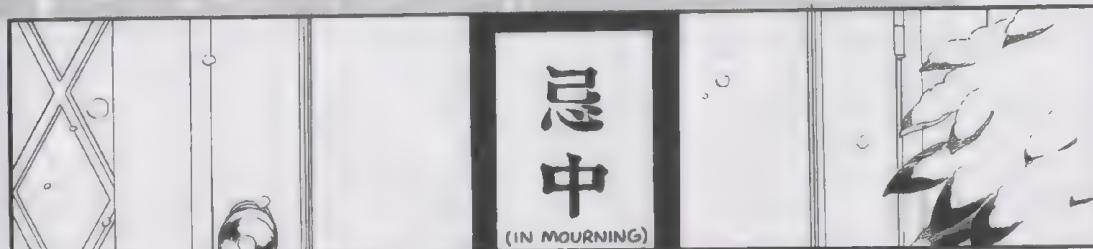


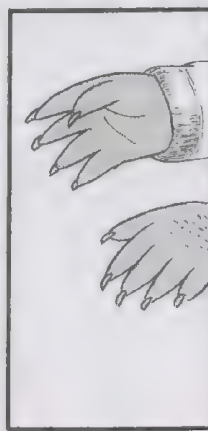
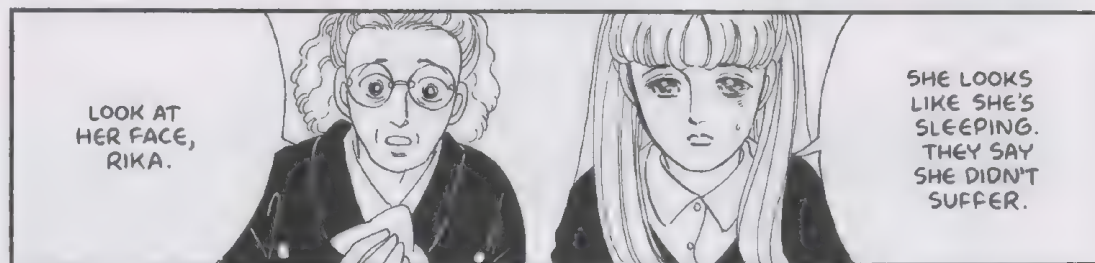
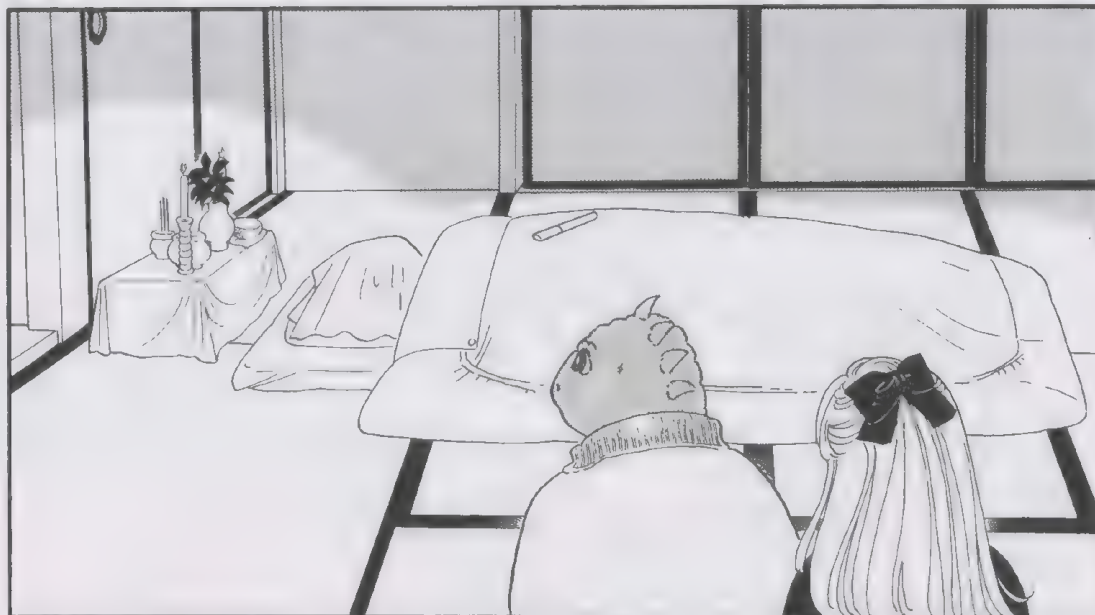
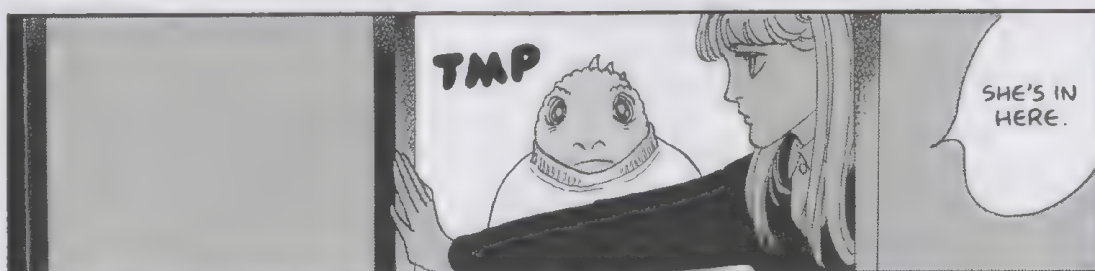




HOW CAN I NOT FEEL SUCH ORDINARY GRIEF?

I'M A COLD-BLOODED IGUANA!!

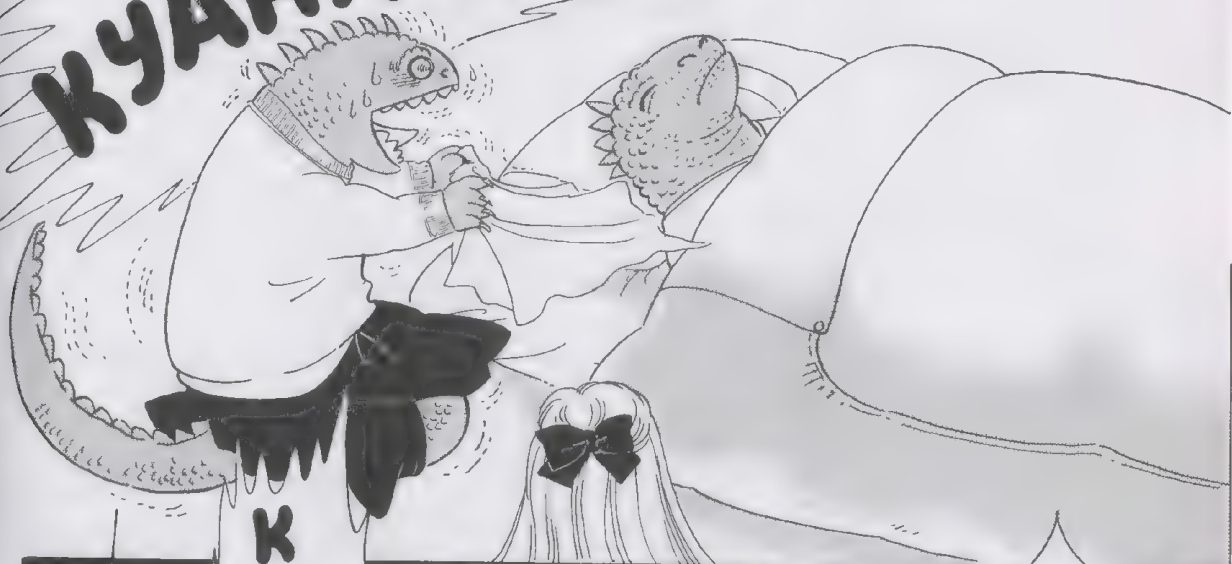








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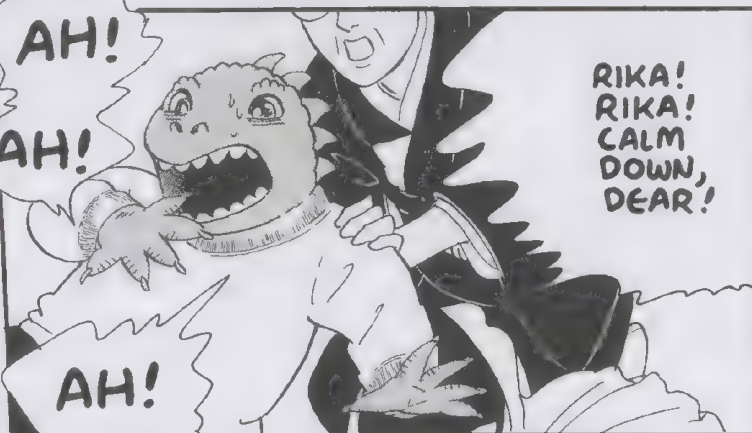


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RIKA!



AH!  
AH!



RIKA!  
RIKA!  
CALM  
DOWN,  
DEAR!

AH!

AH!

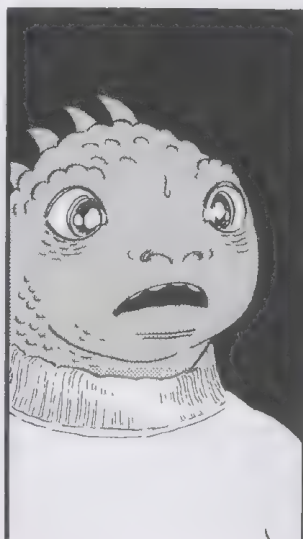
AH!

CALM DOWN,  
DEAR. SEE?  
SHE LOOKS  
SO PEACEFUL,  
DOESN'T SHE?  
AS IF SHE'S  
ALIVE.



OF  
COURSE.

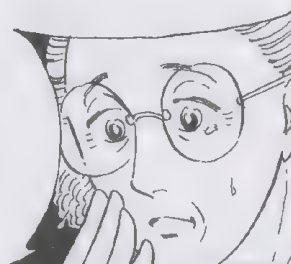
SH--SHE  
LOOKS  
J-J-JUST  
LIKE ME!



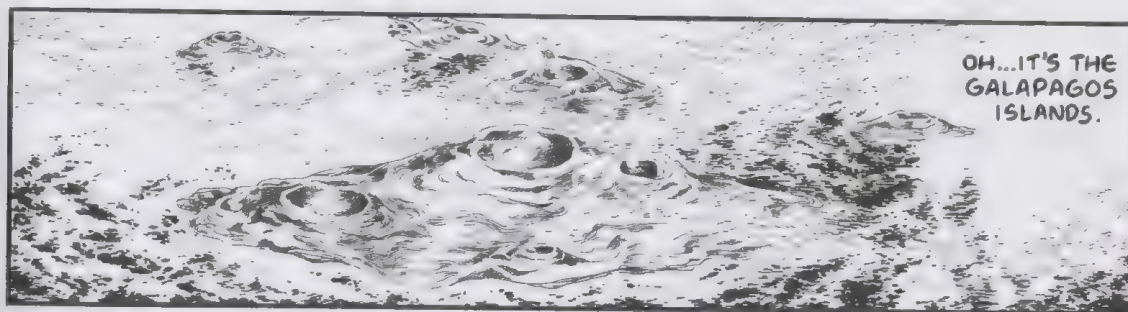
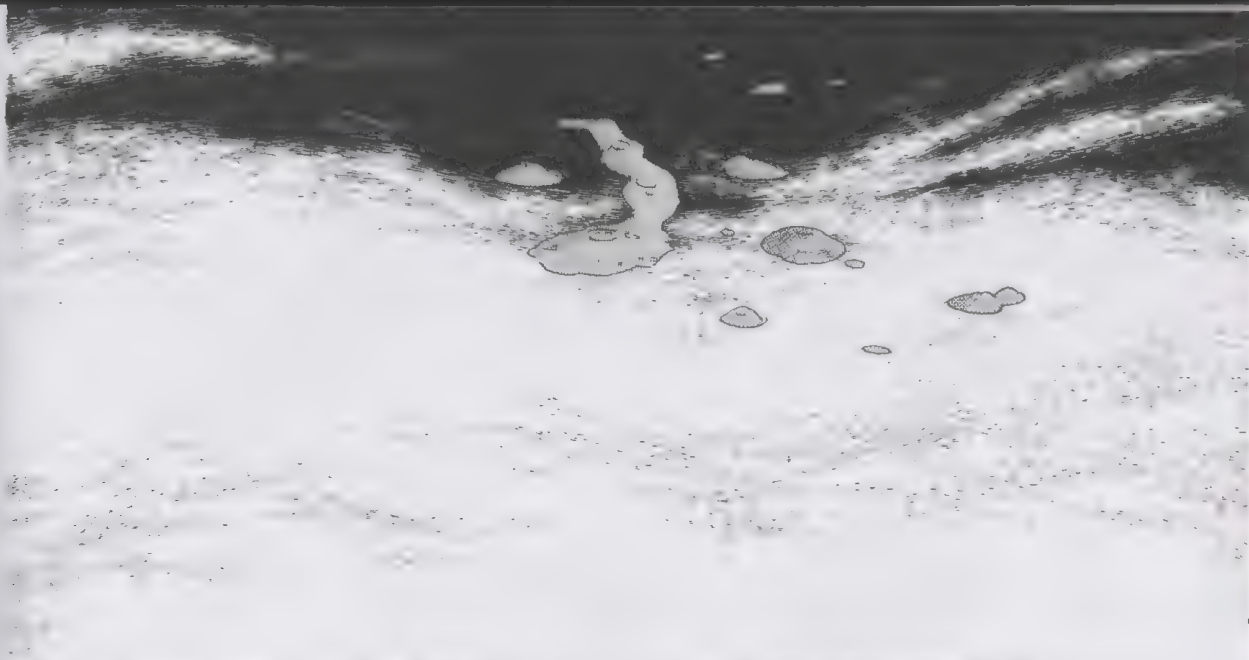
RIKA,  
ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?

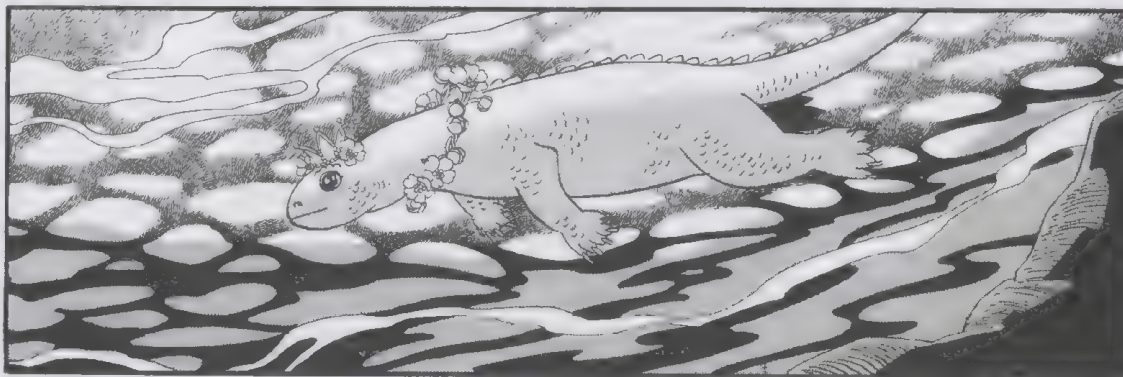
I'VE ALWAYS SAID YOU  
LOOK LIKE YURIKO, BUT  
SHE USED TO GET  
SO ANGRY WHEN I  
SAID THAT.

YOU  
REALLY  
DO LOOK  
ALIKE.









PLEASE  
MAKE ME  
A HUMAN.

I WANT TO  
BECOME A  
HUMAN.



WHAT IS  
IT, IGUANA  
PRINCESS?



OLD  
SORCERESS.



HOW  
WOND-  
ERFUL.

SO YOU'VE  
FALLEN IN LOVE  
WITH A HUMAN,  
EH? I SHALL  
MAKE YOU A  
HUMAN.



BUT IN RETURN, YOU  
MUST BE ON YOUR  
GUARD. IF YOUR PRINCE  
LEARNS THAT YOU ARE  
AN IGUANA, HE SHALL  
LEAVE YOU.



I'LL FORGET  
I WAS EVER  
AN IGUANA...

...AND  
LIVE MY  
LIFE AS A  
HUMAN.

I'LL MAKE  
SURE HE  
NEVER  
LEARNS.

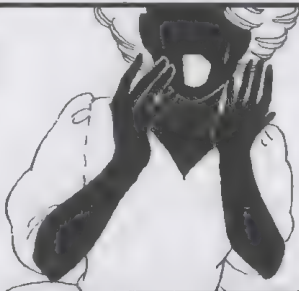


MOTHER  
MOTHER

AND WHAT DID  
YOU THINK WHEN  
I WAS BORN?



YOU MUST HAVE  
SUFFERED SO.



YOU HAD BEEN SO  
HAPPY. IT MUST HAVE  
BEEN A SHOCK. YOU  
WERE SO DETERMINED  
TO NEVER BE FOUND OUT.

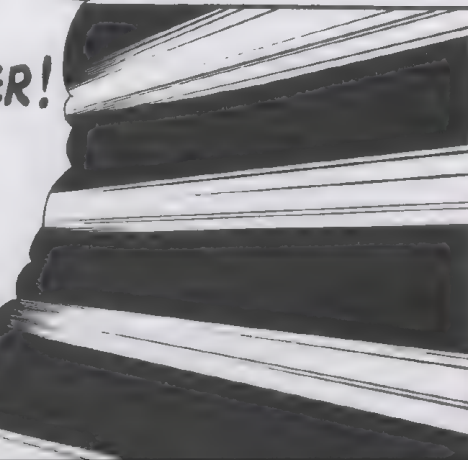
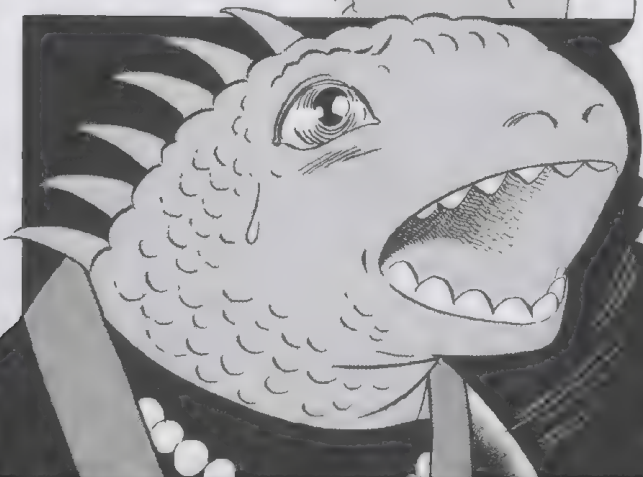
IT MUST HAVE  
BEEN HARD  
FOR YOU.

IT MUST HAVE  
PAINED YOU TO  
NOT BE ABLE TO  
LOVE ME.

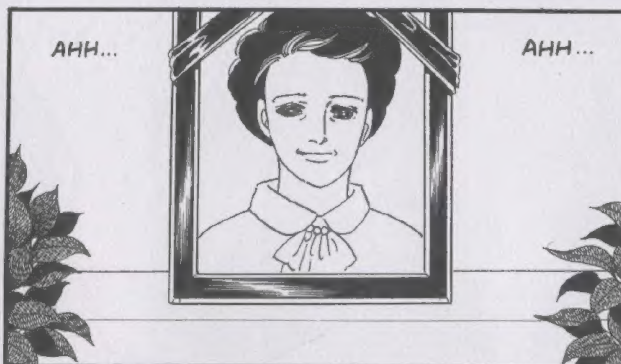
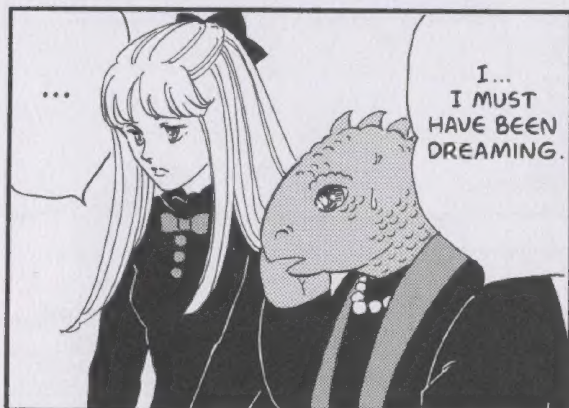
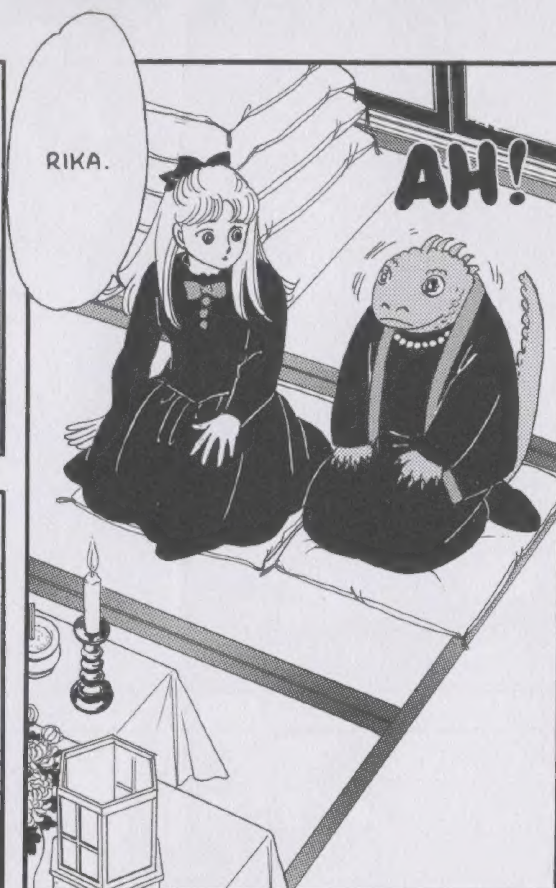
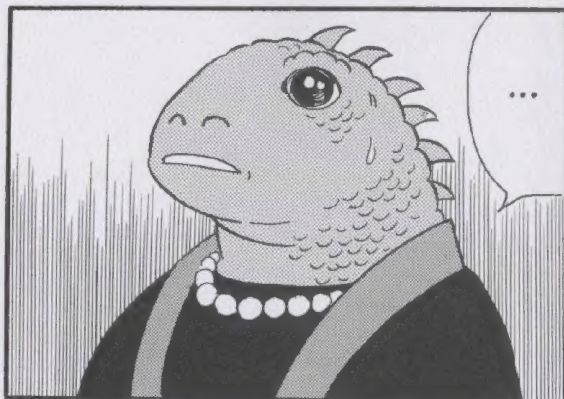


YOU GAVE BIRTH TO  
ME, BUT COULDN'T  
LOVE ME.

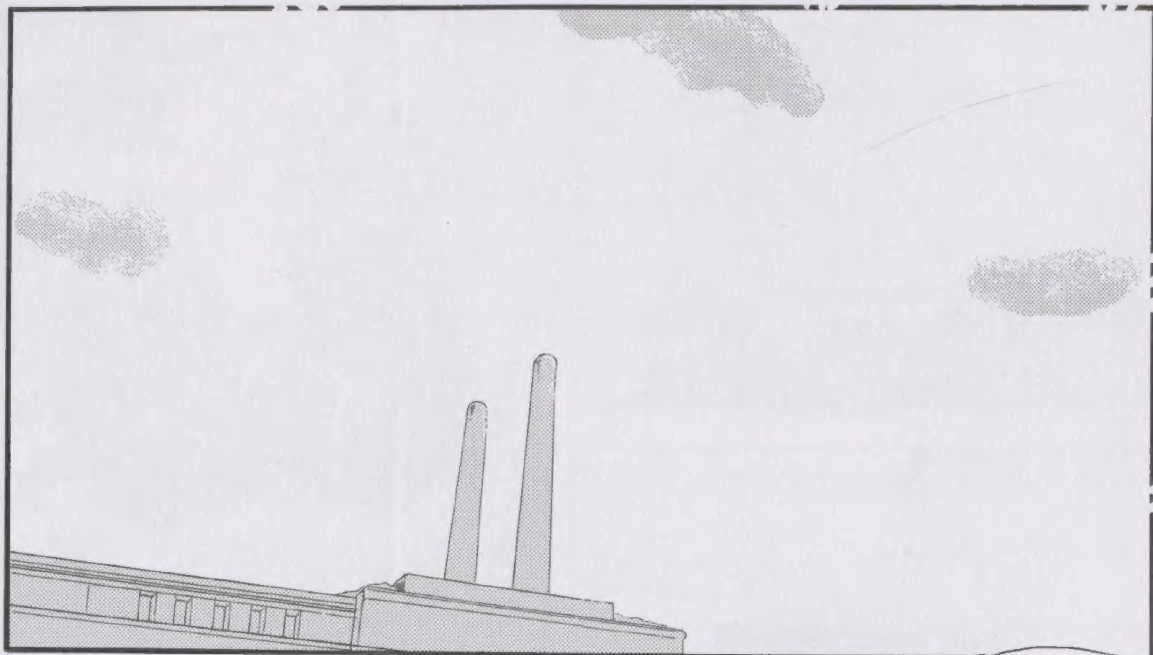
MOTHER!



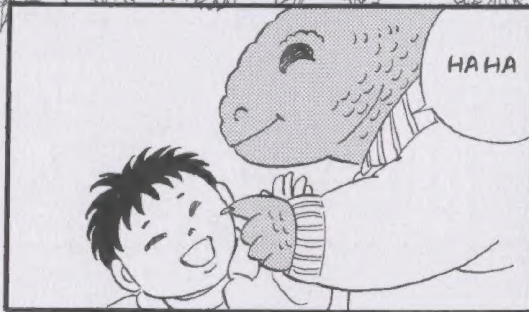
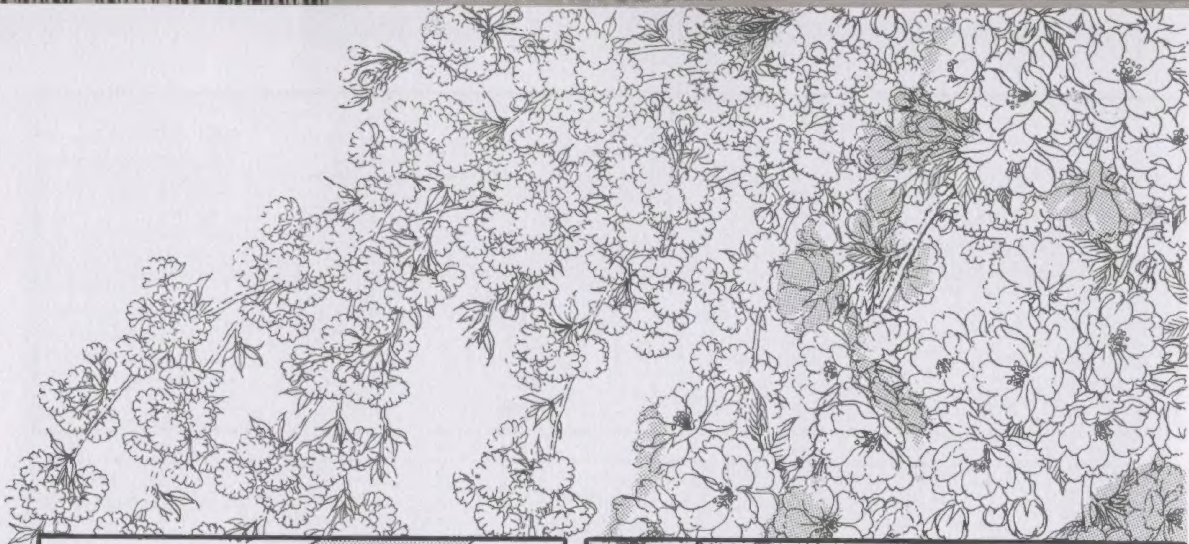




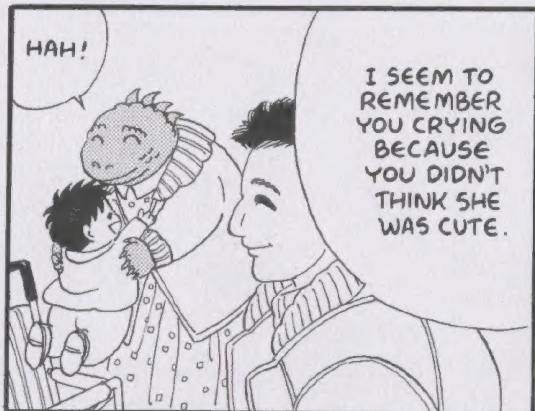








HAHA



HAH!

I SEEM TO REMEMBER YOU CRYING BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T THINK SHE WAS CUTE.



LOOK, YUU! A BUTTERFLY!

HAHA



I WANTED TO LOVE HER...BUT I COULDN'T.

I SUFFERED TOO. I WANTED MOTHER TO LOVE ME, BUT SHE HATED ME.

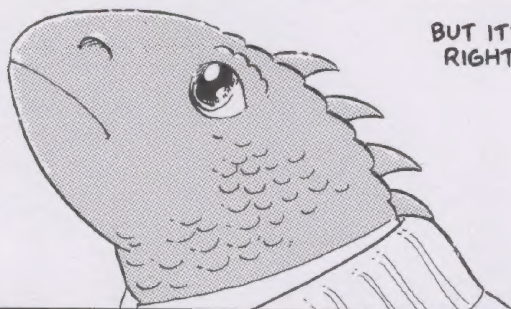


IT'S STRANGE.

SOMETHING WAS PURGED WHEN I HAD THAT DREAM BY MOTHER'S BED.



I WENT TO THE  
GALAPAGOS  
ISLANDS IN MY  
DREAM, AND SAW  
MY MOTHER.



BUT IT'S ALL  
RIGHT NOW.

...MOTHER'S  
TEARS REMAIN  
IN STASIS,  
JELLED.



...ALONG  
WITH MY  
TEARS.

MY  
SUFFERING  
WAS  
WASHED  
AWAY...



BUT  
SOME-  
WHERE...



END